THE WEATHER TO-DAY
Fair; increasing cloudiness; probably rain.

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The Italian government continues to urge that United States federal statutes be extended to protect foreigners.—Page 7.

It is authoritatively announced in Washington that Gov. Shaw of Iowa will succeed Secretary of the Treasury Gage.—Page 1.

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France is the latest power to quarrel with Venezuela, the rights of a Frenchman having been violated by the confiscation of property.—Page 1.

Gen. Gomez, who is stumping the island of Cuba in the interest of Senor Palma for president, has met with harsh treatment, being called traitor and a target for stones.—Page 7.

DOMESTIC.

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John Bell, a Brooklyn builder, suspecting his wife of infidelity, shot her dead, but when he was about to take poison his courage failed him and he gave himself up to the police.—Page 3.

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Mercer county man seriously burned while impersonating Santa Claus in a country schoolhouse.—Page 7.

Henry Kramer of Pottstown tried to use a shotgun in a quarrel with his two sons and was himself killed.—Page 7.

Joseph Boark of New Castle was shot by his brother at their niece's christening last night and may die.—Page 1.

Citizens of Charleroi, Monessen and Donora want to form a new county and name it after President McKinley.—Page 7.

David P. Wheeler, a banker at Akron, O., was instantly killed by electricity while attempting to lock the vault of his bank.—Page 1.

Next Methodist Episcopal conference will be held in Bellefonte because smallpox has appeared in city previously chosen.—Page 7.

Pennsylvania railroad employes arrested at New Castle for working on Sunday released because they could not be forced to testify against each other.—Page 7.

LOCAL.

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Ore production for year will show over 30,000,000 tons, pig iron over 15,000,000 and steel about 12,000,000.—Page 8.

Frank Picon in a search for burglars shoots and probably fatally wounds his wife. He is under arrest, but is at his victim's bedside.—Page 6.

Officer finds a young man half starved and half frozen in a Center avenue stable, but succor came probably too late to save his life.—Page 1.

Unknown man waded into the Ohio river at Espien after having cut his throat. East End woman drinks rough-on-rats because her husband had deserted her.—Page 6.

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The winners at Oakland: Parizade, Wyoming, Sam Green, Rio Shannon, Magi and Cougar.—Page 7.

Eddie Kennedy of Allegheny was knocked out in the fourth round by Larry Temple at Cincinnati.—Page 7.

The New Orleans winners: Nellie Waddell, Nitrate Bristol, George Arnold, Amigari and Frank M.—Page 7.

MILLION ACRES LESS.

Government Withdraws Large Tract of Land from Settlement.

KALISPEL, MONT., Dec. 25.—The register and receiver of the Kalispel land office has received a letter from the interior department instructing the withdrawal of all lands from settlement in Montana north and west of the Kootenai river.

The order will involve more than 1,000,000 acres of land in this country, besides taking from the state of Idaho more than 27,6000 acres, which, when surveyed and completed, will be made into a new forest reserve to be known as the Kottenai forest reserve of Idaho and Montana.

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

RAND—Christmas Pantomime, 2 and 8 p. m.
UQUESNE—The Rays in "A Hot Old Time," 2:15 and 8 p. m.
ALVIN—"Ben-Hur," 8 p. m.
EMPIRE—"Across the Desert," 8:15 p. m.
BIJOU—"Royal Lilliputians," 8:15 p. m.
ACADEMY—Transatlantic Burlesquers, 2 and 8 p. m.
UQUESNE GARDEN—Skating.

Ocean Steamship Movements.

Port	Arrived	Sailed
New York	Majestic	Vaderland
New York	Bolivia	Germania
New York		Philadelphia

GOV. LESLIE SHAW AGREES TO ACCEPT GAGE'S PORTFOLIO

At the Same Time It Is Determined Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Will Stay in the Cabinet.

THE IOWA EXECUTIVE HAS TELEGRAPHED HIS ANSWER

His Name Will Be Sent to the Senate in January, and After Confirmation He Will Be Ready to Assume His New Duties.

DOLLIVER SHEDS LIGHT UPON THE SITUATION

HOW GOV. SHAW CAME TO BE SELECTED.

"Gov. Shaw has disclosed by speeches delivered before chambers of commerce and banking associations in every important city of the United States a profound knowledge of the theory and mechanism of our banking and currency system. He is not only a student of these questions, but has been for many years a successful banker. In selecting him the president undoubtedly acted in a great measure upon his personal familiarity with Gov. Shaw's ability in dealing with the special subjects that belong to the treasury department."—Senator Dolliver.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]
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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—Formal announcement was made at the White House tonight that Gov. Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa will be appointed secretary of the treasury and that Mr. Wilson of the same state will remain in the cabinet as secretary of agriculture.

Gov. Shaw's acceptance of the office of secretary of the treasury was received by telegraph by the president today. Therefore it will be unnecessary for him to come to Washington to confer with the president, as originally intended. From what can be learned tonight he will lose no time in perfecting arrangements to transfer himself and his family to the capital city, and probably will not see Mr. Roosevelt until he comes here to stay. The nomination of Gov. Shaw will be sent to the senate in January, and when confirmation takes place Mr. Gage will retire.

President Roosevelt's originality is shown in a new way by his decision to put Gov. Shaw of Iowa into the cabinet. Not only did he decide to invite the Iowa governor to enter the cabinet without consulting anybody, but he has extricated himself from what appeared to be an awkward position with his secretary of agriculture in a characteristic way. While Secretary Wilson was ready to resign, the president did not give him the opportunity to offer to resign. Senator Dolliver of Iowa told the story today.

Senator Dolliver's Story.

"The politicians who surmised that the selection of Gov. Shaw would cause the retirement of Secretary Wilson, on the ground that there could not be two cabinet officers from one state," said Senator Dolliver, "do not know the president and his regard for Secretary Wilson. It was not necessary for Secretary Wilson to offer to resign. The president has told the secretary that he does not regard the position of secretary of agriculture as a position that any one state can claim; nor does he look on it as a place to be taken from one state because that state gets another place in the cabinet. He looks on Secretary Wilson as representing the whole United States, and as having succeeded so well that it would be a loss to the farming interests of the entire land to have him leave his post. Secretary Wilson is just as secure in this place with Gov. Shaw in the cabinet as he was before Gov. Shaw was suggested.

"All of Gov. Shaw's friends in Iowa have asked him to take the appointment. He is admirably fitted for the post. He has a broad and active mind and has a comprehensive grasp of affairs. He not only has had executive experience and experience as a banker, but he has been a student of those questions with which he will have to deal as secretary of the treasury. He will be a revelation to the men of the east who have not become acquainted with him and his mental accomplishments."

Iowa Feels Herself Honored.

DES MOINES, IA., Dec. 25.—Gov. Shaw was seen again this evening. He declined to talk at length about the treasuryship offer, merely reiterating that the president had confidentially asked him by wire if he would accept the position if it should be tendered to him. He replied that he would accept, but up to the present time no formal tender of the position has been made by the president. However, from the tone of the dispatches from Washington he assumed the president will appoint him and that, to all intents and purposes, the matter has been settled.

The governor's term as chief executive of Iowa will not expire until January 16, when Gov.-elect Cummins will be inaugurated. The legislature will convene January 13 and Gov. Shaw will be very busy in the interim with the preparation of his annual message, so that if the appointment by the president shall be made, Gov. Shaw will hardly be able to take up the duties before January 20, and possibly later.

The people of Iowa are greatly elated at Gov. Shaw's prospective entry into the president's cabinet, but would regret very much to have Secretary of Agriculture Wilson retire in consequence, and no one would regret this more than would Gov. Shaw. With Mr. Allison as senate leader, Mr. Henderson as speaker of the house, and with the prospect now of two members of the cabinet, the state is, undoubtedly, greatly honored.

WHILE THOUSANDS FEASTED SKARPIN WAS NEAR DEATH

NEITHER FOOD NOR FIRE

Found in a Stable, He Was Taken to Police Station, but Life May Not Be Saved.

While the charitable organizations of the city were distributing fuel and clothing to hundreds of families, that none might be without cheer on Christmas day, there was one case of destitution in Pittsburgh that organized and private charity could not reach. But for the bureau of health a man might have died of cold and hunger.

Sanitary Policeman John Cashmere yesterday found Albert Skarpin lying in a stable near the corner of Mahan and Center avenue, half starved and half frozen.

He had been there since Monday without food or fire, condemned by the irony of fate to lie within a few feet of a bakeshop, where, by a few well directed blows of his foot against a door he could have broken in and reveled in food.

Cashmere had Skarpin removed to No. 2 police station, where he was warmed and fed and placed under the care of a physician. He says he is 21 years old and has no home. He will be taken care of today by the department of charities. His condition is serious.

SHOT BY BROTHER AND DEATH MAY BE THE RESULT

PETTY FIGHT THE CAUSE

Crime Was Committed at a Christening of Their Baby Niece. Resisted Arrest.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 25.—It is likely that Joseph Boark of this place will be branded with the mark of Cain, as the result of shooting his brother at this place tonight.

Peter and Joseph were attending the christening of another brother's daughter. During the evening the party had all taken one or more drinks, and about 10 o'clock Peter and Joseph became quarrelsome. After a few angry words Joseph pulled a .44-caliber revolver and fired two shots, the bullets taking effect in Peter's left breast. The latter ran from the house with the two wounds in his breast and walked nearly a half mile to the office of Dr. Redmond for assistance.

Upon the wounded man's arrival at the office the doctor perceived that he was in a very serious condition and had him removed to the hospital. At the hospital tonight very little hope is given out for his recovery.

BANKER ELECTROCUTED.

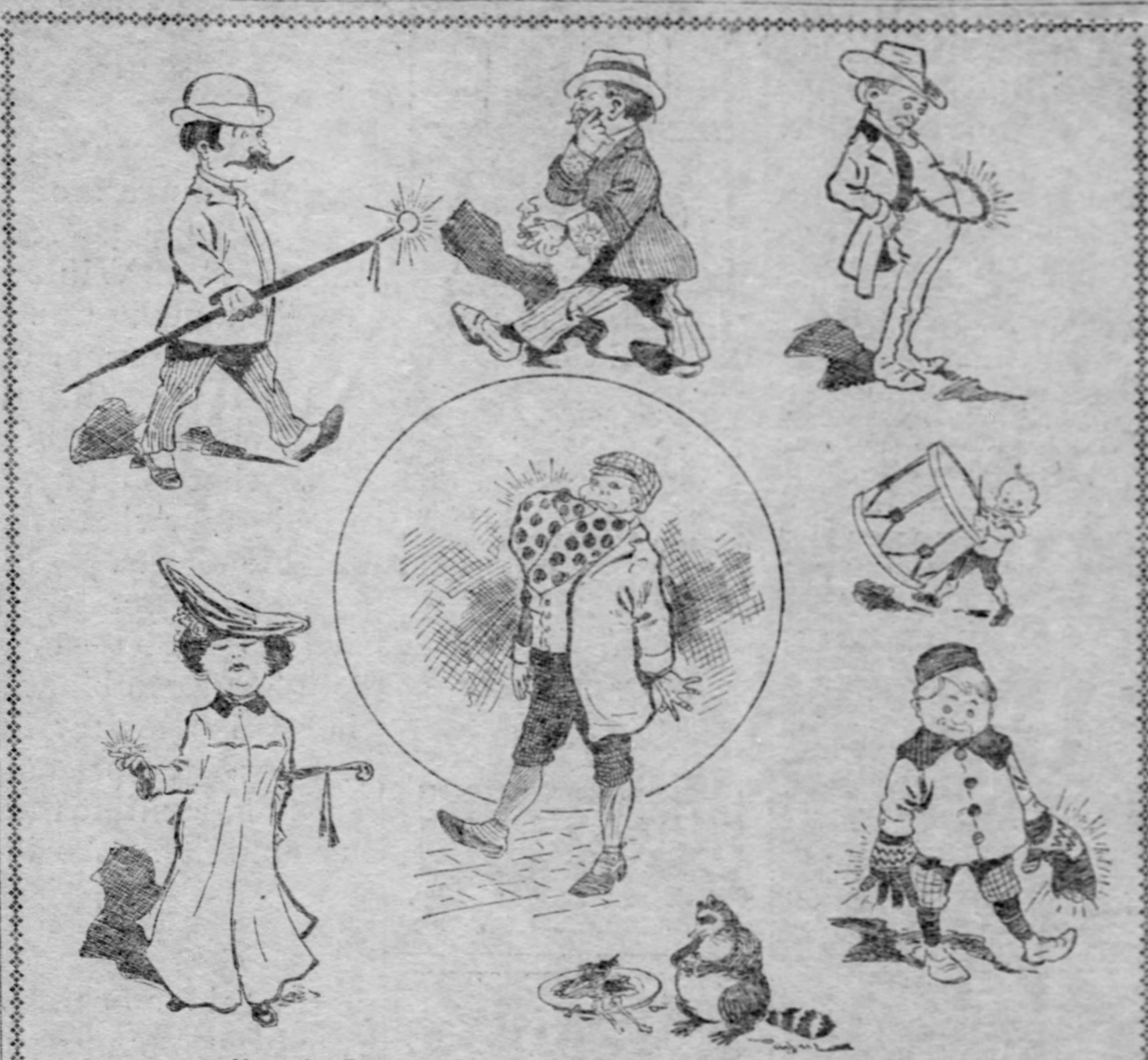
Akron Man Instantly Killed by Electricity at the Door of the Vault.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

AKRON, O., Dec. 25.—David P. Wheeler, a prominent banker and capitalist of this city, was killed by electricity this afternoon. He had been at the Citizens' National bank, of which he was cashier, with Jacob Koch, a director, examining some correspondence.

Mr. Koch left, after they had concluded their business, and Mr. Wheeler went to the vault to lock it up. In one hand he held an electric bulb on a long wire, and with the other hand grabbed the handle of the steel door. The coating of the wire had been rubbed off and owing to a crossed wire the light wire was heavily charged. A circuit being formed with the steel vault, the shock was sufficient to produce instant death.

Mr. Wheeler not returning to dinner, his son Willard set out to find him. Entering the bank he found his father standing upright, leaning against the vault. His right hand grasped the knob of the door, but three fingers of his right hand had been burned off. Mr. Wheeler was 53 years old and leaves a wife, one son and one daughter.



How the Presents Seem to the Recipients on the First Day.

ANOTHER QUARREL HAS BEEN ADDED TO VENEZUELA'S LIST

THIS TIME WITH FRANCE

Germany and United States Still Gathering Fleets in the Caribbean.

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PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, Dec. 25.—Another complication has arisen between France and Venezuela, owing to President Castro's proclivity of getting into hot water whenever occasion offers. With a revolution on his hands, with Germany preparing to enforce her claims by a naval demonstration in Venezuelan waters, and with Colombia anxious for his overthrow, Castro has added a quarrel with France because a French citizen's rights have been violated.

This new grievance arises from the seizure of the properties of Senor Manuel Matos, leader of the new Venezuelan revolution and a man of wealth. Senor Matos leased part of his properties to M. Secrestat of Bordeaux for two years under the civil code, which permits such a transaction to be effected without the necessity of registering the documents. By the seizure of the leased properties President Castro has deprived M. Secrestat of their revenue and use.

The French government has notified President Castro of the infringement of M. Secrestat's rights, and that it intends to protect them to the fullest extent by demanding damages and interest if the revenues are not immediately paid over to M. Secrestat. France has made a complete investigation of the matter and has learned that the demand, even under the Venezuelan law, is well founded.

Venezuela has been on bad terms with France since the rupture of diplomatic relations in 1895 because the South American republic would not pay the French claims growing out of the revolutions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—American and German men-of-war are converging on Venezuela. Three of the German warships are at St. Thomas and the fourth is at Port of Spain, Trinidad. They are expected shortly to assemble and in squadron formation move on and occupy a Venezuelan port.

In order that American interests may be adequately protected the United States has gathered in the Caribbean sea a force more formidable even than that which destroyed Spain's naval power in the western Atlantic. The battleships Kearsarge, Alabama and Massachusetts are at Havana and will sail tomorrow to continue their cruise, which will carry them very near to the Venezuelan coast. The battleship Illinois, now at Algiers, La., will join them within a few weeks. The battleship Indiana will remain at Curacao, 170 miles from La Guayra, and if the revolution in Venezuela menaces American interests she will hurry to Venezuelan waters; if not, she will join the squadron.

Besides the battleships the American flag flies from the masts of two gunboats and three training ships now in the Caribbean sea. They will be reinforced by seven more training ships before the winter is at an end. The gulf of Paria, a magnificent sheet of water, which washes the shore of Venezuela, will be the destination of most of these ships.

CALL FOR EVIDENCE.

London Newspaper Wants to Prove That England, Not Russia, Befriended Us.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Times this morning publishes an editorial article on the pretensions of continental newspapers that it was Russia, not England, that prevented European intervention in the Hispano—American war.

The Times thinks that the moment has arrived for the production of documentary evidence regarding the attitude of Great Britain on that occasion "in order to nip in the bud the growth of an ingenious legend of a kind from which we have suffered before now."

TRENTON IS READY.

New Jersey Town Will Celebrate Anniversary of the Famous Revolutionary Victory

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 25.—Everything is in readiness for the celebration here of the 125th anniversary of the battle of Trenton. The center of the city, which will be the scene of the sham battle and the subsequent parade of the military and civic organizations, is elaborately decorated.

Gen. Voorhees and Prof. Woodrow Wilson of Princeton college will be the principal speakers at the indoor celebration at the opera house in the afternoon.

SHOT HIS WIFE, MISTAKING HER FOR A BURGLAR

Frank Picon Makes a Probably Fatal Error on Mt. Washington.

WOMAN UNCONSCIOUS AND SERIOUSLY HURT

Husband Is Under Arrest, but Sits Grief Stricken at His Victim's Bedside.

HIS REPUTATION IS GOOD

Frank Picon, second head waiter at the Duquesne club, shot his wife, Clara Picon, early yesterday morning, mistaking her for a burglar. Mrs. Picon is lying at home dangerously wounded and unconscious. Picon is under arrest, but is at his wife's bedside awaiting the result of her injuries.

Picon says that he has been sleeping in the second-story front room of his home, at No. 118 Stanwix street, Mt. Washington. His wife and a 15-months-old daughter have been occupying the rear room. Between 5 and 6 o'clock yesterday morning Picon says he was wakened by his wife, who told him that she feared burglars were in the house, as she heard a noise downstairs.

Picon rose and armed himself with a Flobert rifle. He had sent his wife back to her room, and prepared to make an investigation. He was standing quietly at the head of the stairs listening when he heard a movement about the dining-room door, near the foot of the stairs.

Without making any sound he raised the rifle and fired in the direction of the sound. A heavy body fell to the floor and then all was still. Picon was afraid to go downstairs by himself and returned to his room.

His house is built wall to wall with the one adjoining it, and by hammering on the partition he managed to rouse John Hartnett, his neighbor. He called through the partition to Hartnett and told him of the shooting. Hartnett dressed and came to the front door of Picon's residence, and then Picon went downstairs and let him in.

It was still dark in the house, and the two men struck a light for their investigation. They discovered Mrs. Picon lying unconscious on the floor, with a bullet hole in the top of her head. Hartnett ran for a physician and soon had several in attendance. The woman had been hit almost on top of her head, a little to the right side. The bullet penetrated the brain, and after a little probing, which failed to locate it, the physicians desisted for fear of fatal results.

The affair was reported to the police, and Capt. Charles K. Gallant heard Picon's story and took him to the Mt. Washington police station to await the result of his wife's injuries. He expresses the greatest remorse and regret for the accident. He says his wife must have gone downstairs instead of into her room, as he told her to when he got the rifle.

Picon is a Spaniard by birth and bears an excellent reputation. He has been employed at the Duquesne club for six years, and during that time has risen to the position of second head waiter. Several of the members of the club offered to help him in any way when they heard of the accident. Picon is 45 years old and his wife is 36. The woman remained unconscious all day yesterday, and it is feared she will not recover.

DEPENDS ON SULTAN.

Hebrew Plan to Colonize Palestine Still Being Energetically Forwarded.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—An enthuisastic meeting of Hebrews was held tonight at Cooper union in celebration of the Fifth International Zionists' congress, which will open tomorrow at Basle, Switzerland. Much progress was reported by the various speakers in the movement to re-establish the Hebrew people in Palestine under a government of their own.

It was announced that meetings similar to that held here were in progress throughout the world.

The success of the movement will depend largely on the outcome of an interview with the sultan of Turkey, arranged by Dr. Theodore Herzel, founder of the movement.

A POLICE STATION AND TWO LODGINGS ARE QUARANTINED

CAUSE, A SMALLPOX CASE

Officers Released After Thorough Fumigation--Charities Are Embarrassed.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—Smallpox has closed the Tenth and Buttonwood police stations, as well as the lodging barracks of the Salvation army and the Volunteers of America, which are situated directly within the heart of the "Tenderloin" district. Police Lieutenant Fulmer, with one of his sergeants and nine men, were in the station house when the embargo was placed upon it by the bureau of health. It is said that in the barracks of the two religious organizations there are 150 men.

The innocent cause of this wholesale quarantine was a man whose name the police refuse to give, who walked into the barracks of the two organizations on Tuesday night, walked out after mingling with the hundreds of inmates, and this morning made his appearance at the station house, telling the sergeant on duty that he was sick. He was given a cup of water and a surgeon was sent for, who immediately discovered every evidence that smallpox in a well developed form was present.

The man was taken to the Municipal hospital, and commands were issued at once to prevent anyone leaving the station house who might have been in it during the time that he was there. Then his movements were investigated and the fact that he had been in the lodging houses caused the edict to go forth that they, too, should be quarantined.

It is not likely that the full term of 19 days will be required. In fact, the police station was declared under the ban for only eight hours. During this time the city officials thoroughly fumigated the building, and at midnight tonight were filling the lodging houses with smoke, which is supposed to kill the disease germs.

TOY FAKIRS LOSE MONEY.

Advertising by Department Stores Ruined Their Trade.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The men who make a business of selling toys and small articles on the streets during the season previous to the Christmas holidays, have lost a lot of money this year. Nine-tenths of them have had half their stock left on their hands, and inasmuch as the same character of toys seldom hold good over one year, they consider this a total loss.

The explanation is that the department stores all over town not only carry these articles in stock, but advertise them profusely, and in consequence purchasers are able to either order by mail or to appear in the stores and have their goods sent home free of charge. The fakirs say the department stores advertised these goods this year more extensively than ever before. Many street merchants had as much as $5,000 invested in stock, and of this fully half is a total loss.

DROWNED IN SWIMMING TANK.

Boy Disobeyed Rules of Y. M. C. A. and Is Found Dead.

CALUMET, MICH., Dec. 25.—The body of Ross Allan, a 13-year-old boy, was found in the swimming tank at the Young Men's Christian association building here today.

The lad entered the pool against the association rules while there was no trained attendant at hand and drowned.

UNCLE SAM WILL PLAY FAIR WITH THE ORIENTALS

Will Lop Off $18,000,000 of the $25,000,000 as His Share of the Indemnity Demanded at Peking.

SEVEN MILLIONS AMPLY COVERS ALL THE BILLS

United States Obliged to Hold the Greedy European Powers Level by Putting in an Extortionate Claim of Damages for Boxer Outbreak.

HOW TO MANAGE AFFAIR A DELICATE QUESTION

HOW THE POWERS MULCTED CHINA.

China has agreed to indemnify the powers for injuries and property damages sustained by their subjects and citizens, and for expenses incurred by the foreign governments in suppressing the Boxer, revolt, as follows:

Russia	$88,000,000	Japan	$24,000,000
Germany	63,000,000	Italy	20,000,000
France	56,000,000	Belgium	6,500,000
Great Britain	32,000,000		
United States	25,000,000	Total	$314,500,000

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—China will be relieved of the payment of $18,000,000 of the $25,000,000 demanded by the United States from China as indemnity for the outrage perpetrated upon American citizens during the Boxer revolt of 1900. This action will be taken because the administration, after consideration of all the claims filed by Americans who suffered injury, or whose property was damaged, and the expenses incurred by the army and navy, has come to the conclusion that $7,000,000 will certainly cover the American bill.

President Roosevelt submitted to congress a few days ago a recommendation that an appropriation of $2,000,000 be made to enable the satisfaction of claims received from Americans. The naval and military expenses were less than $5,000,000. In justice to China, therefore, the administration believes she should be relieved of the payment of the remainder, or that it should be restored after the United States receives its share of the bonds to be issued to the powers.

At the same time the authorities have no intention of permitting the other powers to grab the sum the United States will refuse to accept. China, and not they, is to be the beneficiary.

A Chapter of Diplomatic History.

Some surprise perhaps will be expressed at the large difference between the actual amount of losses and expenses of the United States and that which it demanded of China. Those acquainted with the details of Chinese negotiations explain them in this way:

Secretary Hay and Special Commissioner Rockhill were astounded to find all the great powers submitting bills which were far in excess of the injuries suffered by their nations or the damage their property had sustained and the expenses they had incurred. A determined effort was made by Mr. Rockhill, under instructions from the secretary, to induce the powers to limit their demands upon China to $200,000,000. But this was impossible. The powers proposed to wring from China every cent they believed she could pay. Claims were submitted aggregating more than $400,000,000, and these were finally scaled to $315,000,000.

When the United States found the powers presenting enormous bills, it decided to submit a claim for a sum which would more than cover the losses of citizens and military expenses, in order that in case of reductions by all the governments the United States would not suffer. It will be recalled that Special Commissioner Rockhill proposed that the claims be cut in half. This proposal was rejected and the powers refused to reduce their claims. So the United States, having submitted an estimate for $25,000,000, was compelled to insist that it should be paid.

Other Powers Must Not Grab.

Since the signature of the protocol Secretary Hay has been considering the method to be followed to relieve China of the payment of the sum in excess of that actually required to meet the losses and expenses of the United States. It is apparent that if the government informs the Peking authorities that the United States will not take more than $7,000,000, the other powers will demand that the balance be turned into the general fund and distributed among them to satisfy claims which they hold. Such a result would be extremely distasteful to this government, especially as all of the powers, with the single exception of Japan, demanded indemnities greatly in excess of that to which they were justly entitled.

The matter is further complicated by the method agreed upon by the powers for the payment of the bonds issued by the Chinese government in settlement of the indemnity. The payment extends over a period of 40 years. It is, of course, inadvisable to wait that length of time before restoring the money to China, and some other way must be devised to arrange either for the return of the bonds to the Peking government or to relieve it of the necessity of issuing them in favor of the United States.

CHILE CONCLUDES TEMPORARY PEACE WITH ARGENTINA

EACH LEAVES FRONTIER

Protocol Simply Evacuates Disputed Land and Both Prepare for War.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 25.—The government officially confirms the statement that the new agreement with Chile has been signed, putting an end to the diplomatic conflict between the two nations. The protocol was signed at Santiago, the latest modifications to the former proposals being accepted.

Senor Portela, Argentine minister to Chile, has postponed his departure from Santiago. It is announced that the protocol establishes a modus vivendi between the two countries. The general opinion is that the questions at issue will be solved soon. The protocol provides:

"First—Argentina will withdraw her police station from Cerro Palique and transfer it to Los Morros, situated many miles to the eastward.

"Second—Chile will transfer her station to Puerto Consuelo."

The whole zone thus remains included in the disputed territory.

The newspapers say the new arrangement dispels the immediate danger of war, but that the remedy is not permanent. The armies of the two countries meanwhile are continuing their warlike preparations.

GREAT BRITAIN SUPERSEDED BY UNITED STATES

PROPHECY OF GLADSTONE

It Has Been Realized Completely, According to Statement Made by London Newspaper.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Daily News this morning in an editorial, discussing William T. Stead's pamphlet on "The Americanization of the World," admits that Mr. Gladstone's prophecy that the United States would replace Great Britain as the premier commercial nation has been, on the whole, realized, but it declares it to be utterly impossible that Great Britain, as Mr. Stead extravagantly suggests, could ever enter an American union, except after a series of disasters rendering separate existence impossible. The paper considers any kind of an Anglo-American federation equally unlikely, owing to the Briton's insatiable love of caste, which led Cobden to insist that Englishmen were aristocrats rather than democrats. For the rest, it confesses the enormous influence which the United States wields over the British colonies and that a majority of Irishmen would vote for federation with the United States.

The article further says it would be interesting to see what might happen if the United States should drop their protectionist policy and should offer to Jamaica, Canada or even Australasia the immense bribe of admission on reciprocal terms to their vast, ever-extending markets.

LONG TROLLEY LINE.

Report of a Project to Connect New York and St. Louis by Electric Line.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 25.—A report is current here that Hugh J. McGowan, president of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, is prominent among men behind plans now being made for a trolley system to connect New York and St. Louis.

The scheme, it is reported, is even broader in scope than that of the great Everett-Moore syndicate, whose system is being extended to connect all of the principal cities on the great lakes. The Murdocks, of Lafayette, and Frank De Haas Robinson, of Cleveland, it is said, are associated with Mr. McGowan, and it is reported that the plan was well developed during the recent visit of Mr. McGowan to New York.

When the report was brought to his attention today Mr. McGowan said that there was absolutely no truth in it.

TASTE OF BUFFALO EXCITES INDIANS.

Order White Men from Ranches to Make Way for Vast Herds They Believe Are Coming.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

GUTHRIE, OKLA., Dec. 25.—The Pawnee Indians are on the warpath. An immense buffalo bull was so injured in transferring from the Santa Fe stock yards to Pawnee Bill's ranch south of town that he had to be killed. The meat was given to the Indians for a buffalo dance. The Indians have been dancing and pow-wowing ever since. They claim the vast herds of buffalo are coming back to this country and have notified the white men to vacate their ranches at once, as they wish to lay the fences low so the buffaloes will have full sway of the country.

The Indians are camping in the timber in sight of the herd, and it is believed they intend to liberate the herd.

Christmas Was a Joyous Day in Pittsburgh

DAY WAS JOYOUS DESPITE THE VERY NASTY WEATHER

Observances of Christmas Were Very General in Pittsburgh.

SERVICES IN CHURCHES

Great Crowds Attend Them, Especially at the Early Morning Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral, Where Bishop Phelan Officiated.

Yesterday was Christmas. Christmas in name and celebration, but not in feeling or in those accompaniments of weather that go to make a real old-fashioned Christmas. How could the day be all that it should with sloppy streets, misty air and leaden skies?

It was a green Christmas and a very unpleasant one, too. The disappointing weather, just after a week of real winter, was bad enough to dampen the ardor of the most enthusiastic.

Christmas is essentially a day for peace and happiness. It is a holiday throughout the Christian world. Great mills and factories shut down; business houses are closed; schools take their vacations at this season. With everyone free to enjoy the day which means so much to the civilized world, it is disappointing to have outdoor conditions so disagreeable.

Instead of the crowds of people in the city streets usual on Christmas day, thoroughfares were almost deserted. There were few people downtown, and out in the residence districts it was so wet under foot that people generally stayed indoors.

The day was very generally observed about Pittsburgh. Most of the manufacturing plants shut down, and, of course, business houses were closed. In the evening the theaters did a rushing business, as is usual on a holiday evening.

In the various city and country homes, the Western penitentiary and all the charitable institutions of the city there was some special observance. Few communities do as much in a charitable way as Pittsburgh, and all of the established charities carried good cheer to the poor as usual.

Services at Trinity.

In old Trinity Episcopal church, Sixth avenue, holy communion was administered at 9 o'clock a. m. The church was taxed to its utmost capacity long before the service began. At 10:30 there was a choral service, at the conclusion of which the Rev. Alfred W. Arundel, D. D., delivered a thoughtful sermon on "The Christ Child and His Influence on Civilizations." Dr. Arundel gave a beautiful description of the childhood of Christ and dwelt upon the influence wrought by Him even from his infancy. From this he passed to the maturer years when the Jews reviled Him and Calvary loomed up in the distance. Old Trinity has rarely looked more attractive than it did yesterday morning, adorned with the choicest greens and potted plants.

Another great center of religious worship in the downtown section was St. Paul's cathedral. Here the Rev. Bishop Phelan celebrated pontifical high mass at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. Long before that hour the numerous entrances to this house of worship were crowded with men, women and children waiting for the doors to be swung open. Every seat was filled and the various aisles and choir lofts were crowded. The main altar was aglow with scores of lights and the sanctuary banked with flowers and greens of the choicest kind.

Children Sang Recessional.

At the appointed hour the aged bishop, he will be 74 years old on the second day of the new year, approached the sanctuary and while he was being vested for the mass a score of youthful voices sang the recessional, "Praise the Lord in the Highest."

A special collection was taken up yesterday morning in all Catholic churches for St. Paul's orphan asylum at Idlewood. The regular choir of the cathedral, in charge of Director Otten, was augmented considerably. Instead of the Second Brigade band an orchestra of 20 pieces rendered appropriate selections during every half hour up till 10:30, at which time there was another solemn high mass.

On the South Side the Passionist monks filed into the public chapel on Mt. Oliver shortly before 4 o'clock and sang matins, the service concluding with a solemn mass and sermon at 5 o'clock. In the private chapel of St. Peter's pro-cathedral, Allegheny, Vicar General Bush celebrated mass at midnight. This was attended by several clergymen and lay friends of the priest.

Bishop Whitehead Preached.

The Right Rev. Courtland Whitehead officiated in St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal chapel, McKeesport, at 10:30. A holy communion service was held previously. Here, too, special music was provided. Bishop Whitehead delivered an instructive sermon on the significance of the incarnation.

In the churches of other denominations special services were held in the afternoon, and, according to custom, a musical program was rendered in the evening. At 6 o'clock yesterday morning services were held in Calvary Methodist Episcopal church, Allegheny, by the pastor, the Rev. J. M. Thoburn, Jr., D. D. In the Butler Street Methodist Episcopal church a special service for the children was held at 9 a. m. Nearly 2,000 children attended.

In the numerous hospitals, asylums and private institutions the religious significance of Christmas was not overlooked. At Riverside Chaplain J. L. Milligan held special services in the morning and spoke to the convicts of the Christ Child and His mission on earth. At noon a dinner of unusual proportions was served. Altogether the religious celebration in the two cities was probably better attended than heretofore.

The Rev. Michael A. McGarey, a nephew of Magistrate D. A. McGarey, of the South Side, said his first mass at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning in St. John's church, South Fourteenth street. He was assisted during the mass by the Rev. Father McTighe, pastor of the church. In the evening a home-coming was held at the residence of Judge McGarey in Sidney street. Father McGarey is a graduate of St. Mary's seminary, Baltimore, and was ordained there last Saturday. James McGarey, a deputy warden in the county jail, is his brother.

HEARTS OF HUNDREDS GLADDENED BY MRS. MAGEE

She Observes Custom Established by Her Husband and Distributes 3,500 Gifts.

Christmas to the children of the Fourteenth ward was full of joy and surprises through the generosity of Mrs. C. L. Magee. Following the custom of her husband, the late Senator Magee, whose "dollar bill" visits to the poor children of the ward on Christmas mornings are still on the tongues of the little tots, she provided a great store of toys and presents which were dispensed from the Magee home at the corner of Forbes and Halket streets.

Early in the morning the children began to troop up Forbes street through the spacious grounds and into the great hall, where their eyes danced as they saw the good things spread out before them. The little folks came from all directions, Soho, Edgewood and Troy Hill contributing a large proportion of the 3,000 or more who came to the tree.

Over 3,000 presents were distributed, besides hundreds of pounds of candy. The gifts included dolls, games, sleds, wagons, dishes, horses, drums, books and an immense variety of knick-knacks. The articles were so arranged that the children were allowed to choose for themselves.

All nationalities were represented in the motley throng and a few had to use the sign language to make their wants known.

Sixty children of the Sylvan school, Fourteenth ward, have had a sort of a continual Christmas for a week past. Friday last the women of the Carnegie library, led by Miss Myrtle Woodward, called upon their teacher, Mrs. A. M. Andrews, and with her assistance gave to each pupil a Christmas toy, a box of candy and an orange. On Tuesday James J. Booth provided a generous Christmas dinner for the children in the school room. Hardly were they done with the feast till Mrs. Alex P. Moore appeared and another box of candy and an orange found their way to every desk. Yesterday the children, in company with hundreds of others, paid their annual visit to Mrs. C. L. Magee and were made happy again. The Sylvan Avenue school is in one of the poorest districts in the city and Santa Claus always has to have a timely warning and plenty of assistance to make the rounds in time.

Many Baskets Sent Out.

Christmas dinner was served to 2,000 poor families by the Salvation Army workers of this city yesterday. The dinners were sent out in baskets Tuesday night ready to be cooked. The manner in serving the dinners deviated from the custom in vogue in previous years. Heretofore tables were spread and any person was permitted to eat their dinner who cared to call, but the army officers found that many, unworthy of the dinner, forced themselves in.

This year every family applying for assistance had to wait until it was learned whether or not they were deserving. In this way the army post served dinner only to those who were in need of assistance. Over 2,000 baskets were sent out, one to each family. In a basket was placed two chickens, or a turkey, and all other victuals to make up a first-class Christmas dinner. The baskets were distributed on Tuesday night.

Killed Himself After Dinner.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 25.—John Vancata, 41 years old, left the Christmas dinner table today, went into an adjoining room and killed himself with a bullet in the head. Brooding over the recent incarceration of a son in an insane asylum is believed to have made the father insane.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Dr. George D. McIlwaine.

George Douglass McIlwaine, aged 36 years, assistant surgeon in the Tenth Pennsylvania volunteer regiment during the Spanish-American war, died of Bright's disease yesterday morning, at the home of his parents, No. 2310 Center avenue, after an illness of about one year. Dr. McIlwaine returned to the home of his parents last Friday from Washington, Pa., where he has been a practicing physician since his return from the Philippines. The climate of the Philippines did not agree with him and since his return he was never well, although able to take care of his patients.

Dr. McIlwaine was born in Pittsburgh October 16, 1865, and attended the public schools of this city. He was graduated from the West Penn Medical college in July, 1886, and for 14 months was the resident physician of St. Francis hospital. After severing his connection with the hospital he moved to Washington and began practicing his profession. He was one of the first to tender his services to the government at the outbreak of the late war. He was made assistant surgeon under Col. A. L. Hawkins and served with the regiment throughout the campaign in the Philippines.

Dr. McIlwaine was the only son of Henrietta Douglass and Oliver S. McIlwaine, a clerk in the city treasurer's office.

Henry Muntz Levis.

ROCHESTER, PA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Henry Muntz Levis, aged 61 years, died at the Markleton sanitarium yesterday afternoon. Deceased was one of the most prominent men of the Beaver valley. He had been suffering from stomach trouble for a long time, and it was this trouble which resulted in his death yesterday.

He was a son of Hon. John Levis, formerly a State senator, and was born in Zelienople, Butler county, December 19, 1840. On November 12, 1872, he was married to Miss Sophia Myers of Rochester, who, with seven children, survive him. He was secretary of the S. M. Kane lodge and also well known in Odd Fellow circles. Deceased was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The surviving children are as follows: Mrs. John H. Wilson, Zelienople; Mrs. David Mitchell, Beaver Falls, and Harry J., Robert S., Orin C., Roy M. and Vincent, all of Rochester. He was a brother of Patent Attorney Joseph V. Levis of Pittsburgh and of Robert F. and Isaac M. Levis of Zelienople.

Samuel Galey.

Samuel Galey, 49 years old, of No. 316 North Negley avenue, died at 2:15 o'clock yesterday morning at his residence after a lingering illness of six months. He was well known in this city, having taken a prominent part in oil developments for many years. He was born in Red Bank, Clarion county, in 1852. He was a son of Robert and Margaret Galey, two of the oldest residents of that county. Mr. Galey was a member of the firm of Galey Bros. & Mooney, and operated largely in West Virginia and Ohio oil fields. His brothers, John H. Galey, Thomas, Robert, William, James and Daniel, all of Beaver, are also largely interested in oil. Mr. Galey came to this city 15 years ago and settled in Negley avenue. He was married in 1890 to Miss Mary Drake of Clarion county. He was a member of the East Liberty Presbyterian church and is survived by his wife and three children, Thomas M., Frank S. and Dorothy.

Everett T. England.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Everett T. England, a popular young man of this town, died last night at Las Cruces, N. M., where he went a month ago for the benefit of his health. He was afflicted with tuberculosis. Mr. England was a grandson of Mrs. Blythe of Maple avenue, of this place. The remains will be shipped here for burial. He was 26 years old and had been engaged in building and land improvement in Greensburg and Connellsville for several years.

George B. Swain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—George B. Swain, treasurer of the state of New Jersey, died today at his home in Newark from a stroke of apoplexy. Treasurer Swain was born in Warren county March 6, 1835. He became state treasurer in 1894 and has filled that office continuously since that time. He was a director of the German National bank of Newark, N. J., and was interested in many other financial and business enterprises.

George L. McC. Smith.

George L. McCook Smith, aged 37 years, died at his residence, No. 603 West Diamond street, Allegheny, yesterday afternoon. He was a grandson of R. S. Birckheimer and had lived in Pittsburgh and Allegheny all his life. He had been ill for about a year. He had been a railroader and was a member of the Arch Street Methodist Episcopal church.

Dunlap Smith.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Dunlap Smith, a leading financier and real estate dealer of this city, died today of pneumonia.

He was the youngest son of Perry H. Smith, who was one of Chicago's wealthiest citizens during the 70's and 80's. Dunlap Smith inherited a large fortune from his father and increased it largely through his real estate operations.

Alexander McCullough.

Alexander McCullough, aged 88 years, one of the oldest residents of Sewickley, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ida Wright, in Sewickley, yesterday afternoon. McCullough had lived in Sewickley 50 years, and was formerly employed on the Pennsylvania railroad, but was retired some years ago. He is survived by four children, John, Frederick, Eliza and Mrs. Wright, all of Sewickley.

The Rev. Otis P. Ebert.

KEYSER, W. VA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The Rev. Otis P. Ebert, aged 30 years, a popular young German Baptist minister, is dead at his home near Laurel Dale. A widow and two children survive him. Mr. Ebert was a son of the late Rev. John Ebert.

William M. Evans.

PARKERSBURG, W. V., Dec. 25.—(Special.) William M. Evans, aged 89 years, who received the first freight shipped over the Baltimore & Ohio to Parkersburg, and who rode on the first passenger train that reached here over the same road, died here this morning.

Alfred S. Dewitt.

GUTHRIE, OKLA., Dec. 25.—Alfred S. Dewitt, United States commissioner and city clerk of Guthrie, died today. He was a native of Montreal, Canada.

Obituary Notes.

Mrs. Carrie L. Day, aged 43 years, wife of Samuel C. Brown, died yesterday at her home in Genesta street.

ACTORS WORKED HARD ON THEIR CHRISTMAS DAY

They Found Time, However, to Observe the Glad Season Conventionally.

WEDDING ONE INCIDENT

Ellen Mortimer, Who Is Esther in "Ben-Hur," Is Now Mrs. Claude A. Cunningham—Pretty Little Social Affairs Enlivened the Day.

Even though Christmas means a hard working day to the actor, those at the local playhouses yesterday found opportunity for enjoyment, both for themselves and others. There was a general interchange of presents; some gave dinners and treats of various kinds; others again had Christmas trees in the dressing rooms of the theaters or at their hotels, and the Rays banqueted their company at the Hotel Lincoln after the night performance.

In the way of Christmas gifts, it is said the best came to lovely Ellen Mortimer, who plays Esther in "Ben-Hur," who received a husband in the person of Claude A. Cunningham, a Chicago music teacher. Whether or no the ceremony took place yesterday could not be ascertained, but there is good authority for the statement that Mr. Cunningham had arrived in the city and that the wedding was fixed for some time during the day.

Last evening at the Duquesne theater, between the second and third acts, the curtain rose unexpectedly, revealing the entire company apparing in "A Hot Old Time," with Johnny and Emma Ray, the stars, holding the center of the stage. Then with a few well-chosen and witty remarks J. Bernard Dyllyn of the company presented Mr. and Mrs. Ray with a handsome silver loving cup. To even up matters the stars invited their associates to a banquet, served at the Lincoln after the evening performance. An unique, but ornamental, menu card was among the features.

There are 35 little children taking part in the production of "Cinderella" at the Grand opera house this week. They were all made happy by a huge Christmas tree with appropriate trimmings, planned and executed by the Misses Truax, Ballou, Gale and Barclay, of the stock company. All the little ones received some kind of a present from the kind hearted women.

Gifts for Miss Truax.

Naturally, the members of the stock company, who have made many friends in the city, were the recipients of numerous gifts. During all of Tuesday and yesterday the dressing room of Miss Truax was filled with cases, packages, flowers and the like. They inclosed laces, ribbons, dresses, bon-bons and all sorts of things dear to the feminine heart, even to the pretty cocker spaniel some friend sent her. Another odd thing was a package of genuine English plum pudding, which came all the way across the ocean.

It may be that at some time during yesterday a rather striking looking young man might have been observed hurrying up Fifth avenue with seven umbrellas under one arm and six pairs of bath slippers hanging on the other. That was William Ingersoll, leading man of the company.

The party who hurried the other way bending under the burden imposed by a basket of terrapin, was Tunis F. Dean, the press representative of the Grand. There was every evidence that both men had not been forgotten by their friends.

Miss Ballou had a great time all day, between being Cinderalla at two performances, playing with all her little friends on the stage and gloating over a most extraordinary Christmas cake with which some friend remembered her. Jack C. Huffman of the Grand received a number of handsome presents in the morning, gave some in return, and then worked hard the rest of the day.

All the members of the company at the Grand were remembered in one way or another, and all gathered at various little luncheons and suppers after the evening performance.

Four Christmas Trees Trimmed.

So far as known there were at least four Christmas trees trimmed by members of the big "Ben-Hur" company at their hotels and boarding houses. There were many other parties of three and four at which "home cooking" was the rule. There are several members of the organization who are distinguished for their cooking. One especially popular little woman all day yesterday was one who is noted in the preparation of spaghetti.

William Farnum, the handsome young actor who plays Ben-Hur so effectively, was the guest of Manager Thomas F. Kirk, Jr., of the Alvin theater, at a pleasant dinner following the afternoon performance. The company present included several other friends of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk.

A pleasant party of Pittsburgh friends gathered at the Monongahela house last evening as the guests of Frank Weston and wife, the former of whom is a leading member of the "Ben-Hur" company. Mrs. Weston is better known to most people as Effie Ellsler, a Pittsburgh girl, and a favorite player always. George Alison, the Mesala of the same company, and his wife, Gertrude Rivers, were the guests of friends in the East End.

It was also a great day for "Bluch," the good-natured camel appearing in "Ben-Hur." "Bluch" is very fond of candy and everybody on the stage took pleasure in helping him to all kinds of sweets. "Bluch" may not know how the day is named or what was the occasion for all the generosity shown him, but there is no doubt that he enjoyed it all.

Quiet Day for Harry Williams.

Manager Harry Williams of the Academy of Music and the Duquesne theater, spent the day quietly. The members of the company at the former house exchanged presents and entertained each other at luncheon after the evening performance. Though Mr. Williams said it not, his employes are known to have been remembered in various ways by him.

A story going the rounds yesterday was that one man connected with one of the local theaters quietly arranged a Christmas treat for 15 poor families in the lower part of the city. The baskets, each one of which held a turkey, pies, cakes, candy, fruit and the never-failing cranberries, quite filled a wagon. The donor delivered the treats in person under cover of the darkness of Tuesday night.

The episode is said to be a Christmas custom of 10 years' standing. He says he relishes his own Christmas dinner the better, in knowing that at the same time there are several unfortunates who are also enjoying good cheer, and the more so that it is unexpected.

The members of the company appearing in "Across the Desert" at the Empire theater, celebrated much the same as the players at the other theaters. Presents were given and received and the day's work ended with several pleasant little supper parties.

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Gowns of muslin, high neck, yoke of tucks and embroidery, finished with cambric ruffle..50c

Gowns of muslin, V yoke of hemstitched tucks and embroidery, finished with hemstitched lawn ruffle; same style with torchon lace insertion and edged with clusters of tucks; finished with beading 75c

Gowns of muslin, high neck, entire yoke of grouped tucks, finished with hemstitched ruffle or same style with yoke of tucks, and embroidery insertion, either 75c

Gowns of cambric and muslin, square, V or high necks, yokes of embroidery insertion, groups of solid hand hemstitched tucks, finished with feather stitching, hemstitched lawn ruffle or lace edge 85c

Gowns of fine muslin and cambric, V shape or high neck, entire yoke of pin tucks and insertion of embroidery, neck and sleeves trimmed with embroidery $1

Gowns of muslin, square yoke of embroidery insertion and hemstitched tucks, neck and sleeves finished with ruffles of embroidery.$1

Gowns of cambric, square effect collar, finished with deep hemstitched lawn ruffle on collar and sleeves, ribbon at neck....$1

Gowns of nainsook or cambric, circular or V yokes of hemstitched tucks; also lace insertion and edge drawn with ribbon, long or short sleeves $1

Gowns of fine nainsook, square neck, yoke of embroidery insertion, hemstitched tucks and hemstitched ruffles, drawn with ribbon..$1.25

Gowns of cambric, bias yoke of tucks and lace insertion, finished with ruffle edged with lace at neck and sleeves; yoke drawn with ribbon $1.25

Gowns of fine nainsook, low neck and elbow sleeves; neck trimmed with lace and drawn with ribbon; deep ruffle finished with lace on sleeves $1.25

Gowns of cambric, Empire style, hemstitched revers with medallions, prettily trimmed with torchon lace, finished with ribbon....$1.50

Gowns of nainsook, low circular hemstitched neck, finished with ruffle at neck and sleeves, colored lawn hemstitched band, short sleeves $1.50

Gowns of cambric, with yoke of shirred lace and embroidery, drawn with ribbons, hemstitched and lace trimmed sleeves $1.50

Gowns of nainsook and cambric, elaborately trimmed with laces and embroideries, ranging in prices from $1.75 to $30.

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Drawers of muslin hems and tucks, 8c to 24c. Sizes 2 to 14 years.

Drawers of muslin, cambric hemstitched ruffle and tucks, 30c to 50c. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Nightgowns of muslin, tucked yoke and turnover collar, finished with beading, 50c to 65c. Sizes 2 to 14 years.

CORSET COVERS.

Corset Covers of cambric, trimmed with embroidery, lace insertions and edgings....25c

Corset Covers of cambric—4 rows of lace insertion, neck and armholes trimmed with lace 25c

Corset Covers of cambric, V-shape back and front, finished with hemstitched tucks and embroidery 25c

Corset Covers of good quality of cambric, square yoke of 4 rows of torchon lace and tucks..40c

Corset Covers of nainsook and cambric, trimmed with lace, hemstitching and embroidery, drawn with ribbon, high and low necks, full and tight fitting 50c

Corset Covers of nainsook and cambric, entire front finished with hemstitched tucks, tucked back finished with hemstitched ruffle....75c

Corset Covers of nainsook, lace insertions in back and front; others trimmed with embroidery 85c

Corset Covers of nainsook, trimmed with lace and embroidery; ribbon shoulder straps; variety of styles, high and low neck, embroidery and lace trimming ....$1 and up

Corset Covers of lawn, 5 rows of insertion in front, buttons at back $1.25

SHORT SKIRTS.

Short Skirts of cambric, tucked, cambric ruffle, 35c

Short Skirts of cambric with deep lawn ruffle, tucked and hemstitched 65c

Short Skirts of cambric, with clustered tucks, deep lawn flounce finished with lace ruffle....85c

Short Skirts of cambric, umbrella flounce, groups of tucks above ruffle, finished with deep embroidery; same style in lace....$1

Short Skirts of cambric, tucked above deep ruffle, the ruffle finished with torchon insertion and lace $1.25

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Chemises of finer materials—nainsook, lawn and cambric — elaborately trimmed, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.25 and upwards.

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In this White Sale ladies will have opportunity of inspecting our fine French hand-made lingerie, the finest underwear made in the world. Separate garments or in matched sets

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Pillow Cases, hemstitched—42x36 and 45x36—15c each.
Bolster Cases, plain hems—42x76½—25c each.
Bolster Cases, hemstitched—42x76½—35c each.
Sheets, plain hems—63x90—35c each; 72x90—40c each; 81x90—45c each.
Sheets, hemstitched—81x90—55c each.

Crochet Bedspreads—large size for double beds—$1 qualities for 75c.
Crochet Bedspreads—fringed, for brass and iron beds—$1.50 qualities for $1 each.
Crochet Bedspreads—fringed, with cut-out corners, for brass beds—$1.50 qualities for $1.35 each.
Fine Marseilles Spreads—new patterns—$2.50 qualities for $2 each.
Fine Marseilles Spreads—the $3.50 qualities for $2.80 each.

PENN AND FIFTH.

RICH AND POOR OF GOTHAM HAD CHEERFUL DAY

Salvation Army at New York Fed 25,000 Indigent Persons.

EVERYBODY IS CARED FOR

Day Observed in Prisons, Hospitals, Asylums and Correctional Institutions—The Weather Was Chilly, but Not Disagreeable.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Christmas was a day of chill outdoors and within doors a day of light and gladness and good cheer. The promise of snow, which was given a few days ago by a flurry of white crystals, was not kept, but for all that the sled runners of the jolly German saint were not delayed. It may have been that he hurried over the tops of the houses in an automobile, for he fulfilled his mission with as much dispatch as though ice and snow covered field and street.

In the churches thousands of voices were lifted in prayer and hymn. The day was announced from high belfry and from brightly lighted altars. Wealthy and poor joined in the evidences of good will. They who had been blessed with an abundance of this world's goods spread the tables for their less fortunate fellow men.

One of the features of the day was the dinner to nearly 25,000 persons, given by the Salvation Army. Frank Tilford entertained the newsboys, and the Evening Telegram distributed to its young agents free copies of the paper. Senator Sullivan gave a dinner in honor of his numerous constituents.

In all the public institutions there was an observance of the day, and all prisons and correctional institutions of the city spread the board appropriately. At the hospitals Santa Claus walked the wards, and Christmas trees laden with gifts shone amid white walls. Public and private charity gave happiness to the thousands, and all over the city the spirit of Christmas had full sway.

In the outlying districts, where the wealthy have their country seats, the poor were better cared for and made more happy than ever before.

SANTA DIDN'T SKIP THE WHITE HOUSE CHILDREN

Presents Exchanged in the Good Old Fashion—"Hot Time" Popular Music in the Evening.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—Washington has seldom celebrated Christmas more quietly than today. Owing to the police regulations there were no noisy demonstrations on the street. Of course, the departments were all closed. The White House was closed to the public. The president put in much of the time in the residence part of the building, giving his chief attention to the children of the household.

The smaller members hung their stockings up last night, and all found upon awakening at an early hour that "Santa Claus" had been astir ahead of them and had left liberal contributions. Later in the day all assembled in the family room, where the general exchange of presents occurred and where a jolly hour was spent.

The president, Mrs. Roosevelt and the children of the household, Robert Ferguson and another friend took luncheon with Commander and Mrs. Cowles. The party remained at the house several hours and then the male members, including two of the Roosevelt boys, and joined by several other friends, among whom was Secretary Root, went for a horseback ride in the outskirts of the city.

Tonight there was quite a gathering at the family dinner, which included the presidential household, Commander and Mrs. Cowles, and other guests. After dinner the entire party adjourned to the east room, where the evening was spent, the guests being entertained with a medley of popular airs, including "Auld Lang Syne," "Annie Laurie," "Yankee Doodle," and "A Hot Time in the Old Town."

DREARY IN LONDON.

Hard Rain Drives the Fashionable World Out of Town.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—(Special Cable.)—Christmas opened in miserable fashion. It rained hard until 11 o'clock, but then the sun came out and the rest of the day was fine and bright.

As usual in London, the day was one of the most melancholy in the year. Everybody who could get out of town did so, spending the season with friends in the provinces, in Paris or on the Riviera, or joining in one of the numerous house parties in the country. In spite of this there was a large and fashionable congregation at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge. The large restaurants, such as the Carlton, Claridge's and Prince's, were practically deserted in the evening.

The king and queen did not go to Sandringham on account of the illness of her majesty, who has been suffering from a slight cold. The king and Princess Victoria attended service at the royal chapel adjacent and spent the remainder of the day at Marlborough house. The Prince and Princess of Wales, at Sandringham, attended service in the morning at the church in the park.

FED FIVE THOUSAND.

Salvation Army at Cleveland Supplies Homeless and Needy With Christmas Cheer.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 25.—The Salvation army gave a Christmas dinner to 5,000 people in this city today. Two thousand were assembled in Central armory, where they were served; the remaining 3,000 were sent baskets of provisions. At the armory Col. Myron T. Herrick made a brief address on the work of the Salvation army. The following telegram was received by Col. Herrick during the day:

"New York, Dec. 25.

"In behalf of 150,000 guests gathered around our Christmas table the Salvation army sends Mrs. Herrick and yourself greeting for the new year in appreciation of your generous sympathy in the welfare of the working classes. We thank you for your generous assistance. We pray God to spare you many years of continued usefulness.

"FREDERICK BOOTH-TUCKER."

MRS. M'KINLEY WAS ALONE.

Refused an Invitation to Dine Because She Shrank From Reminders of Husband's Death.

CANTON, O., Dec. 25.—Mrs. McKinley spent Christmas day alone at her home. She was urged to join the Barber family in their Christmas dinner at the old Saxton homestead, but declined to do so. She did not wish to be so forcibly reminded of the Christmas days of the past as she would be by such a dinner.

Mrs. McKinley's condition is as good as or better than it has been since the tragedy. Relatives who see her most often say that she shows gradual improvement. She remembered many of her friends with little Christmas presents today and she received flowers and presents from all parts of the country.

Elks Fed 800 Persons.

ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 25.—The Order of Elks, following a custom originated here, today gave a Christmas dinner at which 800 persons were fed, and expended about $2,000 in Christmas charities.

THE BURGESS OF TARENTUM DEMANDED GAS INSTEAD OF AIR

Burgess F. N. Humes of Tarentum has won a signal victory over the Philadelphia Company. He has demanded of the local officials of that corporation that gas instead of air be furnished the citizens of his town.

Burgess F. N. Humes.

All during the past week a great shortage of natural gas was apparent in Tarentum. The supply pipes into the houses seemed to have an adequate pressure, but when a match was applied it was more often extinguished than not. This was on account of the artificial pressure in the mains, caused by the use of pumps.

But when Burgess Humes called at the Philadelphia Company's office he simply stated that he would sustain anyone who objected to paying for air instead of fuel at the rate of 27 cents per 1,000 feet.

Yesterday there was plenty of gas and the assurance from the company that it would continue.

BELL'S CHRISTMAS REVERSE OF MERRY

SUSPECTED HIS WIFE AND SHOT THE WOMAN DEAD.

She Had But Recently Returned From Scotland After a Long Visit, and Had Whispered a Secret Into His Ear—Intended to Kill Himself Also.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]
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NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—"Peace on earth, good will toward men," found no echo today in the heart of John Bell, a carpenter and builder, who, in a fit of jealous frenzy, shot and killed his wife at their home in Brooklyn. The couple have neither kith nor kin in this country, and there was none to drop a tear over the silent form of her who, according to persons knowing her well, had been a true wife to the man who took her life.

For 15 years the Bells had lived in Brooklyn, going there almost immediately after their marriage in Scotland. Not a shadow appeared to mar their happiness until after Mrs. Bell's return, seven weeks ago, from a visit to the home of her childhood on the other side of the Atlantic, where she had spent eight months.

Then she whispered to him a secret, the telling of which should have brought joy to his heart, but instead turned it to adamant. From that hour until 4 o'clock this morning, when he sent a bullet into her brain, he looked upon her with jealous hate. After 15 years of childless life he refused to accept the truth of his pleading wife's story and accused her of having been unfaithful to him.

Bell planned the killing of his wife and of himself as well. His death was to have been by means of carbolic acid, a quantity of which he had placed in his bedroom. Mrs. Bell was in the act of removing her hat when her husband began his bitter taunts. Before she could offer any reply Bell leveled his revolver at her head. With a scream she sprang at him. Four times the weapon was discharged as the couple struggled. There was only one more bullet in the weapon. Hurling his wife from him Bell fired again and the bullet penetrated his wife's brain.

Throwing the revolver to the floor Bell entered his bedroom, took up the cup containing the poison and placed it to his lips; but his courage failed him, and he set the cup down and left the house. Bell had gone a short distance when he met a policeman and said:

"I want you to arrest me. I have shot my wife."

The officer and Bell went to the carpenter's home and the policeman saw a woman's body on the kitchen floor. Bell was taken to the station house, where, without showing the least sign of emotion, the prisoner wrote out and signed this confession:

"I have cause to believe that my wife was untrue to me. She was not at home from Friday until Tuesday. I went last night to where she was. She had left. I followed her home and found her in the kitchen. I said something to her and then shot her. I do not intend to implicate anyone else in this matter, but there is someone else in it."

Arraigned in police court Bell was remanded to jail pending action of the grand jury. He is 28 years old and conducted a prosperous business.

Three Negroes Killed in a Quarrel.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Dec. 25.—Three negroes were killed near Wilmot yesterday as the result of a quarrel over a land sale. Martin Davis and Jeff Davis, cousins, engaged in a fatal duel. James Thompson, a friend of one dead man, was subsequently shot by Arthur Davis, brother of Martin Davis.

Three Firemen Hurt.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 25.—The large factory of the G. S. Graham Machine Company was totally destroyed by fire early today. Three firemen were hurt by falling walls, but none of them fatally. The loss is estimated at about $100,000.

THE WEATHER.

Time of sunrise today .... 7:22 a. m.
Time of sunset today .... 4:36 p. m.

Daily report for yesterday furnished by the United States weather bureau:

Time.	Baro.	Temp.	Hum.	Wind.	Weather.
8 a. m....	29.74	46	89	N. W.	Rain
8 p. m....	30.17	37	79	S. E.	Cloudy

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 25:

Temperature.	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896
Maximum	38	22	34	43	26
Minimum	24	14	26	13	15
Mean	31	18	30	28	20
Precipitation	.07	.02	..	..	T.

Maximum temperature (6 a. m.)	51
Minimum temperature (8 p. m.)	38
Mean temperature	44
Normal temperature (for 31 years)	35
Excess in the temperature for the day	9
Deficiency in the temperature since Dec. 1	85
Deficiency in the temperature since Jan. 1	1.07
Normal precipitation	.10
Precipitation for the day	.04
Deficiency in the temperature since Dec. 1	1.85
Excess in the precipitation since Dec. 1	1.35
Excess in the precipitation since Jan. 1	3.47

Government Weather Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—Forecast for Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio:

Western Pennsylvania and Ohio—Fair Thursday; Friday increasing cloudiness, probably rain along the lakes; light, variable winds, mostly southwest.

West Virginia—Fair Thursday, except rain in mountain districts; Friday fair; variable winds.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 p. m.:

Pittsburgh	38	Cloudy	Abilene	52	Cloudy
Des Moines	36	Cloudy	Davenport	30	Cloudy
Washingt'n	48	Cloudy	Vicksburg	64	Cloudy
Jacksonv'le	62	Clear	Rapid City	32	Cloudy
Montgom'y	66	Cloudy	Omaha	40	Cloudy
Atlanta	62	Pt cldy	N. Platte	36	Clear
Chattan'ga	58	Rain	Dodge City	44	Pt cldy
Louisville	42	Cloudy	Cheyenne	22	Clear
San Antonio	62	Cloudy	Denver	32	Clear
Indianap'lis	34	Cloudy	Shreveport	56	Clear
Cincinnati	40	Cloudy	Memphis	46	Cloudy
Parkers'bg	36	Clear	New Orleans	70	Clopdy
Columbus	36	Cloudy	Norfolk	64	Cloudy
Chicago	30	Cloudy	New York	40	Pt cldy
Cairo	40	Cloudy	Buffalo	34	Cloudy
St. Louis	38	Cloudy	Philadelphia	42	Pt cldy
Kansas City	34	Cloudy	Cleveland	34	Cloudy
Oklahoma	42	Clear			

NEW CASTLE WINS SINGING PRIZES

LAWRENCE COUNTY WARBLERS SURPASS COMPETITORS.

An Allegheny Clergyman Divides Prize for the Excellent Rendition of a Poem—Male Chorus Gets Three Hundred Dollars.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 25.—Welsh singing societies from a dozen states gathered in this city today to participate in a song contest under the auspices of the local Welsh singing society. There were 49 numbers on the day's program. David Lloyd of New Castle, Pa., received first prize for the best rendition of "The Britons."

The Newburg juvenile choir of Cleveland won first prize in its class. In the contralto voice contest Mrs. Richard Ward of Akron, O., won first prize. Llewelyn Jones and N. C. Lewis of New Castle, Pa., won the tenor and bass duet contest.

In the soprano and alto duet, "The Gypsies," by Bordesse, was the winning selection, the singers being Mrs. L. Griffith and Miss Cassie Jones of New Castle, Pa.

John L. Bevan and the Rev. D. L. Roslin Davis of Allegheny, Pa., were so evenly good in their reading of the poem, "Benjamin Harrison," that the prize was divided.

In the juvenile chorus competition the Newburg juvenile chorus of Cleveland was declared the winner.

The prize in the baritone solo contest was divided between Thomas J. Roberts of Granville, N. Y., and William Harvard of New Castle, Pa. Dr. Edwards of Kingston, Pa., won the prize for the best essay on "The Mission of Music."

Four male 200-voice choruses in competition was the feature of the afternoon session. The New Castle (Pa.) male chorus was given the first prize of $300, the second prize being awarded to the Metowee club of West Pawlet, Vt.

WOMAN WAS INJURED BY RUNAWAY HORSE

Mrs. Meitlein Knocked Down and Trampled by One of a Team Which Had Wrecked a Carriage.

Mrs. Meitlein of No. 907 Wylie avenue was struck and seriously injured last night by a runaway horse at Fifth avenue and Brady street. The horse was one of a team from the Oakland livery stable in Forbes street, and they were driven by James Johnson.

The horses became frightened at Forbes and Craig streets and dashed down Forbes street, turning into Fifth avenue at the Schenley hotel. At Fifth and Craft avenues the team ran into a trolley pole, the horses became unhitched and the carriage was shattered.

Johnson was thrown into the street, but was not injured. Mrs. Meitlein was crossing Fifth avenue, when the horse knocked her down. The driver is under arrest awaiting the result of Mrs. Meitlein's injuries.

PRAYERS FOR MISS STONE.

Christians in Armenia and Turkey Eager for Release of Captive Missionary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Letters received in this city by natives of Armenia contain the information that the people of the east are still greatly agitated over the abduction of Miss Ellen M. Stone, the missionary, and her companion, Mme. Tsilka. Throughout Armenia and the Turkish empire Christians have assembled daily in their places of worship since September 3 to pray for the deliverance of Miss Stone and her companion.

Special services of prayer were held today in Beyrout and in every Christian church in the orient in pursuance of a plan formulated several weeks ago.

A CHRISTMAS FATALITY.

Railway Engineer Jumps to Save His Life, but Is Crushed by Derailed Car.

LITTLE VALLEY, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Engineer William Copp of Buffalo was killed in a freight wreck on the Erie road near Gowanda early this morning.

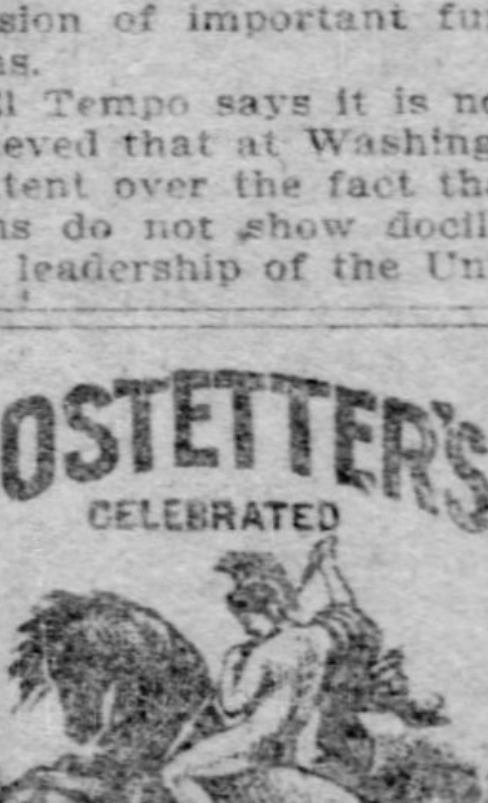
A portion of a coal train, including the locomotive, left the track on a heavy grade near a trestle. Engineer Copp and his fireman jumped down an embankment but were caught by a falling car and buried under the wreckage. Copp was instantly killed, while the fireman escaped with but slight injuries.

SUBJECT OF COMMENT.

The Hon. John Barrett's Return From Mexico Arouses Discussion.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—El Tempo, a clerical organ, says that diplomatic circles and politicians are commenting on the return to the United States of the Hon. John Barrett, and especially when the conference had just began the discussion of important fundamental questions.

El Tempo says it is now coming to be believed that at Washington there is discontent over the fact that the Latin nations do not show docility in accepting the leadership of the United States.



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FEAST OF MELODY AND ORATORY WAS GIVEN BY WELSH

First Annual Eisteddfod, of Allegheny Cambro-Americans.

MANY PRIZES AWARDED

Welsh Presbyterian Choir of This City and Allegheny Choral Society Divided Honors in the Biggest Contest of the Day.

The first annual eisteddfod of the Cambro-American society of Allegheny was held in Carnegie hall, Allegheny, yesterday afternoon and evening. Both sessions were well attended and there was a keen competition for all the prizes offered. The conductors were William J. Jones and A. J. Edwards; the adjudicators, Prof. J. B. Lodwick, J. L. Bevan, Miss Margaret Thompson Zeigler, Miss Claudia H. Thomas, the Rev. D. R. Davis, J. J. Griffith, the Rev. H. Hughes, Daniel Thomas, Watkin Jones, David D. Jones, Prof. T. J. Davies, David Watkins and Thomas L. James.

The greatest interest was shown in the contest by the choirs of 25 to 30 voices for a prize of $100. It was the concluding feature of the evening session. The composition was Eaton Faning's "The Miller's Wooing," and four choirs took part, namely, Welsh Presbyterian, Second Avenue, Pittsburgh; Allegheny Choral, Homestead Choral and Gwalia society of the South Side. The prize was divided between the two first named.

Another event of deep interest was the competition for a prize of $60 to be awarded to a male chorus of from 12 to 20 voices. Two organizations competed, from New Kensington and Allegheny, the latter winning. Two quartettes, one from Pittsburgh, the other from Allegheny, competed for a prize of $12. Pinsuti's "Spring Song" was the composition selected. The prize was given to the Pittsburgh organization, which was composed of the Misses Elizabeth and Alice Stevens and the Messrs. William Stevens and J. Gordon Jones.

The other prizes were given as follows: For memorized epigram (afternoon session) 22 competitors, prize divided, one-half going to I. C. Parry of Scranton, the other winner not answering to his number; soprano solo, three competitors, prize divided between the Misses Hattie Jones and Elizabeth Stevens; recitation, Philip R. Thomas of Scranton, Pa.; solo for children, two competitors, Hayden Stephens of Sharon; piano solo for children under 12 years, prize divided between David Reese of Connellsville and Bessie Harris of Pittsburgh; memorial ode, subject, "President McKinley," 17 competitors, one-half prize to I. C. Parry, Scranton, the other winner not answering to his number; bass solo, three competitors, George Johns, Allegheny; recitation, three competitors, Alfred Harry, Lawrenceville; duet for tenor and bass, John George of New Kensington and Joshua Johns of Allegheny; alto solo, Miss Annie Watkins of Woods Run; epigrams from memory, 15 competitors, prize divided between D. W. Jones of Scranton, Pa., and the Rev. J. R. Jones of Cambria, Wis.; impromptu speech, three competitors, William P. Guyer of South Side.

Young Girl Drinks Strychnine.

DETROIT, Dec. 25.—Nettie Hoose, a 16-year-old girl, drank the contents of a bottle of strychnine early today while standing at a patrol box with an officer who had taken her out of a saloon a few minutes before and placed her under arrest. She died a short time later at Emergency hospital.

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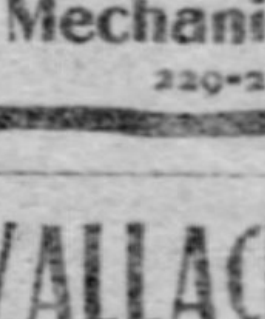

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½ Price for fancy embossed or celluloid covered Handkerchief and Glove Boxes.

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½ Price for fancy Shaving Sets in fancy boxes.

½ Price for Burnt Wood or "Pyrography" Inkstands, Pipe Racks, Smokers' Trays, Brushes, Mirrors, etc.

½ Price for special lot of Women's Fancy Silk Garters in holiday boxes.

½ Price for imported little fancy Trinkets, Napkin Rings, Puff Boxes, Albums, Game Counters, Pen Wipers, Pipe Racks, Inkstands, Thermometers, Ash Receivers, Calendars, Trays, Match Safes.

5c for Sterling Silver Handles, Desk Pieces, Toilet Articles, etc.

½ Price for Fancy Perfumery Packages.

¼ Off all Holiday Umbrellas over $2.50.

¼ Off Men's and Women's Fine Card Cases, Bill Books, Letter Cases and Pocket Books over $1.25.

½ Off All Music Rolls.

½ Price for soiled Hair Brushes.

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½ Price for any and everything soiled or mussed in Men's or Women's Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Fancy Notions, etc.

It's impossible to enumerate everything at this writing—but as we go through the various departments today everything will be put at such a price as to clear it out in short order. Therefore it will be wise to call in the morning and also in the afternoon of today. We are determined upon a quick, decided and successful clearance.

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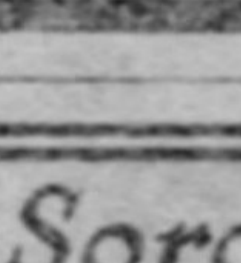

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1901.

TEN PAGES.

Senator Quay as a Historian.

One of the most important announcements, literary and political, that has been made for many days is to the effect that the senior senator from Pennsylvania, M. S. Quay, has in course of preparation a book recording 40 years' experience in public life. There is possibly no other statesman in public life in America today better qualified to write entertainingly and instructively upon the movements of national public life covering the period named. If he should desire to do so Senator Quay could write a history fairly bristling with facts pertaining to the inner side of national political life, while his knowledge of politics in the state of Pennsylvania is beyond question more intimate and valuable than that of any other living man.

Mr. Quay has been a national figure for nearly 25 years, and in the first Harrison campaign sprang into a national prominence maintained uninterruptedly ever since. His knowledge of men and of measures is profound, and his experience pre-eminently qualifies him to write history of the most valuable kind. What rich reading Mr. Quay's proposed contribution to political history would make if he would only add a chapter covering recent movements in the politics of the Keystone state, including a resume of the antics of the postscript-writing governor who presides in the executive mansion.

Whether he shall do this or not, however, any history of public affairs that Senator Quay might write would be interesting reading.

The Venezuelan Imbroglio.

Our diplomatic relations with Germany are of the friendliest character, and there is no reason why these should be interrupted because the German government insists upon Venezuela fulfilling her obligations. Venezuela confesses her indebtedness. It forms no part of our policy, nor have we any intention of abetting any of the South American republics in repudiating their lawful international debts. We are not responsible for their misconduct, nor can we go out of the way to shield them from the consequences of their folly. The Monroe doctrine bears no such interpretation, nor was it ever intended that it should. It was formulated in the beginning to prevent the absorption or colonization of any part of the American continent by a foreign country. The South American republics are responsible, and alone responsible, for their moral and political status. We exercise no political suzerainty over them individually. Our protective suzerainty extends over the entire continent.

The Vossische Zeitung, in an article which evidently is inspired, says that Germany has no intention of acquiring land either in South America or in the West Indies. Until we have some definite information that she is attempting to do so it is not necessary, nor is it judicious, on our part to anticipate designs on the part of Germany which she disclaims all notion of having in view.

The Pacific Cable.

Several bills have been introduced into congress providing for the construction and control of a cable between the Pacific coast and the Orient. The immediate necessity of such an undertaking is beyond cavil. Many shrewd business men and financiers would prefer, however, to see the work undertaken, finished, and commercially controlled by a private corporation rather than that the government should make itself responsible for laying it and afterward taking exclusive care of it. There is in the first place no precedent for such a governmental charge, and, in the second place, it is hardly in consonance with the official routine and functions of department work. Of course when the cable is laid government messages will have precedence over all others, and in time of war exclusive control of the cables may be maintained by the navy or war departments as far as they think necessary or proper.

The British government, which holds the inland telegraphic service in its own hands, does not possess any exclusive jurisdiction over the inland telegraph system from Egypt, through Persia, India, Burmah and the far east or over the oceanic cables to her colonies and dependencies, except in war time, as during the South African conflict. This has been found sufficient to satisfy all military exigencies, however much it tends to hamper commercial and private telegraphic intercourse between continents.

The Commercial Cable Company is opposed to the government undertaking the work. But the opposition from this source would have to give way if a Pacific cable became a national undertaking. The Pacific Cable Company has already begun work, the Silvetown Cable Company of London having already completed about 100 miles of the cable, while the remainder is expected to be finished in about eight months, when it will be shipped around Cape Horn and the actual work of laying it begun. The Pacific Cable Company has gone about its work very quietly, but none the less effectively. It would be little short of a calamity should any obstacles be either directly or indirectly placed in the way of its completion. The important thing is to have the cable laid and under the supreme control of American citizens.

The Day After.

The country has doubtless never experienced a Christmas in which such general prosperity existed among all classes of people. As a consequence the season has witnessed an unprecedented volume of business in all lines of trade. A holiday that so distinctively belongs to all the people has found the people better prepared than ever before in the country's history to avail themselves of the joys and privileges of the festival. With our industries of every description in active operation furnishing constant employment at good wages to every class of workers, money has been plentiful and there has been no lack of a disposition to spend it. The nation is at peace with all the world, and looks forward to closing the first year of the new century under conditions of great progress and growth in every department of national effort.

Internal affairs present no serious problems and the promise of early and satisfactory adjustment of the enterprises undertaken by this government leads to general contentment with the existing order of national control and authority. These are some of the reasons why Christmas, 1901, has been one of unusual happiness and prosperity. The reaction will come, but viewed from a business standpoint it is not to be dreaded so seriously, for the reason that the year's volume of trade has gone to a high water mark and even in receding will not fall below a healthy margin of profitable business. The social relaxations and enjoyments of the season have partaken of the national and general conditions and will be marked by a thoughtfulness and liberality that is so characteristic of the Christmastide.

In Pittsburgh the season is one of mingled religious and social observance, and yesterday the impulses of the people found vent in many forms of worship or in generous deeds. When the last festive note is sounded and we turn once more to face the duties and responsibilities of a new year it will be with the grateful reflection that Christmas, 1901, was a season of unusual joy and peace.

The Cleansing of Havana.

The thoroughness of the work of the American authorities in cleansing the city of Havana is made apparent in the report of the vital statistics of that place for the month of November. Announcement of the fact that there had been no deaths from yellow fever in November would have been regarded as an agreeable surprise, therefore much more surprising is the official statement that there was not even a single case of that dreadful disease in Havana in the month covered by the report. This is the first time such a record has been made in the Cuban city since 1762, and amply demonstrates the excellence of American sanitary methods, and further cause for gratification is found in the reduction of the number of deaths from an average of 902 in preceding Novembers to 443 in November of this year.

It will be a purified and healthful Havana that the Americans will turn over to the Cubans when the period of occupation expires, and upon the new rulers of the island nation will devolve the heavy task of continuing the work of sanitation so splendidly begun. Under American methods Havana has ceased to be a menace to health in our southern states, and with such an object lesson before them the Cuban authorities will be grossly remiss in their duties and obligations if they permit the now purified city to again become a center of infection.

The Islands Paying Their Way.

The financial report of the Philippine commission shows that the islands will be able to pay their own running expenses, so that the United States will not be obliged to appropriate money for the administering of the affairs of the archipelago. In the fiscal year just closed the revenues of the Philippine islands have defrayed the cost of maintaining an efficient police service, of mail communication and revenue customs inspection, and have contributed to the military and naval expenses. After doing this there is a surplus in the insular treasury of $5,000,000 in gold values, an increase of $2,000,000 compared with the balance of a year ago.

There is no reason to doubt that the revenues of the Philippines, administered honestly and carefully, as they will be administered by American officers, will be amply sufficient to provide for all the needs of the islands after order shall have been restored. The islands will be able to pay for the military and police needed to keep the peace, to build roads, to support education and to do other necessary and desirable public work.

The great difference between Spanish domination and American rule is that under the former the islands were used for the benefit of Spain and Spanish officers. Under the latter the object is the advancement of the people themselves. The United States is showing them how their resources can be used for their own benefit, and this determination to seek their good instead of their wealth is having a mighty effect in the pacification of the country. The Filipinos were slow to recognize that there is a difference between white men. They thought at first that Americans were like Spaniards, but they are discovering that Americans are an incalculable improvement.

It was a loving cup that Sir Thomas Lipton received from Americans after his first defeat, now it is a punch bowl, and if he keeps on racing and being defeated he will in the course of a few years have enough of such articles to equip several sideboards. So long as Sir Thomas refrains from lifting the America's cup nobody on this side of the ocean will begrudge him the pleasure he derives from lifting other cups.

They are still discussing in congress the question of responsibility for the Spanish war—the Republicans or the Democrats. There seems also to exist a doubt in the minds of some people as to who won it.

In refusing to resign Historian Maclay gave the toe of the official boot another chance to display its vigor.

Frosted potatoes are on the market. Frosted politicians are also numerous around Washington.

There was a general movement throughout the civilized world yesterday to put down turkey.

Paris is cautioned against believing that we have given it our Chauncey "for keeps."

Cupid will have a big stock of useless mistletoe on his hands after this week.

The first Christmas of the century was the most prosperous for a century.

The Shaw presidential boomers are now wondering where they are at.

Mexico no doubt drew a sigh of relief that she got off so easy.

The men who went wrong on copper had rather a dull Christmas.

Pat Crowe doubtless spent a very quiet Christmas.

Resolutions are now in course of preparation.

Our navy is floating in hot water these days.

It was a great Christmas.

Macedonia's Sacred Fire.

From the New York Herald.

In the home of Balkan peasants nothing is prized so highly as the fire on the hearth, for it is regarded as sacred, and is never allowed to go out. Tradition says that if it is extinguished misfortune will surely come, and that in many cases the death of the fire is a sure token that some member of the family will speedily die. Another time-honored tradition says that the sacred fire is able to cure many maladies, and this is supposed to be the main reason why it is guarded so carefully throughout the Carpathians and the Balkan peninsula.

Sometimes it becomes necessary to produce this sacred fire, and various methods are adopted for this purpose. Among the Servians of Western Macedonia the following method has long been in vogue: Two oak posts, in the upper ends of which two round holes have been bored, are driven into the ground, and in the holes a piece of linden wood is then placed, in such a manner that it can be rotated at any speed that may be desired. To prevent the oak posts from getting out of position a strong cord is tightly tied around them, and finally a clumsy but effective violin bow is fashioned, and its string is twisted once around the linden wood. The fire is then generated by moving the bow over the linden wood, for the effect of such motion is to make the linden wood rotate at great speed, and the heat which is thus produced through friction very soon ignites a bit of tinder, which has been previously placed in one of the holes in the oak posts.

A New York Example for Allegheny.

From the New York World.

It is at once instructive and inspiring to tabulate the actual progress made up to date in purging the police department of Deveryism.

1. Wardman Bissert. In Sing Sing for five and a half years.
2. Capt. Diamond. Fined $1,000 and dismissed from the force.
3. Wardman Glennon. Convicted and goes to prison today.
4. Capt. Herlihy. Under indictment. Case before court of appeals.
5. Sergt. Shells and Detective Dwyer. Awaiting trial on the same charge as that on which Wardman Glennon has been convicted.
6. Capt. James, Gannon. Under indictment for failure to suppress a disorderly house.
7. Wardmen Burke and Nesbit. Held on charge of "tipping off" a disorderly house.
8. Detective Sergeants Darcey and Schoeneick and Patrolman Cox. Indicted yesterday.

The procession to the penitentiary is still moving. Devery himself has not yet joined it. But there is time enough for that. District Attorney Philbin has set a splendid pace for Mr. Jerome, and there is no doubt in the public mind that the new officer of justice will at least "keep it up."

Mayor Low's Good Start.

From the New York Evening Post.

The approval with which Mr. Low's appointments have been received by the various parties to the fusion movement, as well as their excellent character and his own high motives, afford ground for the belief that every honest citizen will recognize in 1903 the necessity for the continuance of government of this type.

The Song of Two Battles.

Whose was the battle?
Tell me, who won?
The man on the bridge, or the man at the gun,
Or the man in the engine room down below—
Tell me—who laid Montojo low?

Whose was the battle?
Tell me, who won—
The man on the bridge, or the man at the gun,
Or the man in the engine room down below—
Tell me, who laid Cervera low?

The man in the bunker,
The man at the wheel,
Or the man in the powder room near the keel;
To which of these must the honor go?
Tell me—who laid the Spaniards low?

His was the battle;
'Twas he that won;
The man on the bridge, and the man at the gun,
And the man in the engine room down below—
To each must the honor of battle go.

The man in the bunker,
The man at the wheel,
The man in the powder room near the keel
And the stoker who kept the stacks aglow—
To these must the honors of battle go.

—Henry A. Wise Wood.

Christmas Gifts Visible in Every Toilet

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
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NEW YORK, Dec. 25, 1901.

While there was not what is usually called Christmas weather in this neighborhood, New York had a pleasant day of it. A few clouds in the sky do not destroy the Christmas aspect of the world, and Broadway is always bright, no matter what may be the weather. So the holiday-maker paraded the grand thoroughfare before dinner and nine out of ten wore a new necktie, or furs, or jewelry, or gloves, or something or other, in proof that they had not been forgotten by Santa Claus. No one could forget for an instant that it was Christmas. The churches were all well attended, and the music specially rehearsed for the day was pronounced better than usual. Perhaps it was, because everyone's soul was well attuned to harmonious sounds. There was a great exodus to the suburbs and towns too far away to be called suburban, and, of course, as a makeweight, there were multitudes of visitors to this city. That is the story on every holiday. The theaters did a great business. The matinees were comfortably patronized, but at night the crowds in all the playhouses were enormous. In explanation of this it must be remembered that a great many work people have no time on ordinary evenings for theatergoing, or, if they have, are too much fatigued by the labors of the day to care about it. On Christmas day, after resting since the night before, it is a jolly thing to get into a theater and be entertained, without personal exertion on one's own part, for three hours. It is better than attending a ball, particularly if one has passed the thirties. Downtown it was as dead as it always is on a holiday. Every big office, exchange and bank was tightly closed, and Wall street was a desert to the casual visitor; although, if he were privileged to go to the top story of most of the skyscrapers, he would be likely to find the janitor's family having a jovial time, with a Christmas tree in nine cases out of ten. So, from one end of Manhattan island to the other, there is Christmas cheer, and the only pity is that it comes but once a year.

Cleveland Besieged by Beggars.

It can hardly be wondered at that so sweet-tempered a woman as Mrs. Grover Cleveland should betray impatience when her husband is not only beset, but actually abused, by begging letter writers. The ex-president has been too sick to leave his room for five weeks. Mrs. Cleveland says he has "received severe epistolary chastisement at the hands of those who are impatiently waiting for answers to letters which should never have been written." It is a pity Mr. Cleveland himself cannot get after these nuisances. He would make the fur fly.

Rest for the Bulls and Bears.

Even "Little stock exchange" was neglected today. This is the appellation bestowed upon the cafe and corridor of the Waldorf-Astoria, where Wall street people are in the habit of congregating in the evening. There is only about one weekday in the year when business is not booming there in a quiet way, and that is Christmas. None of the regulars were to be noticed in the corridor this evening. Many of them are out of town, and those that are in the city were taking dinner in their homes or at their clubs. The stock market did not interest them this evening, and they did not even care to make touch-and-go predictions, much less enter into serious discussions.

Grumbler, Here's Your Chance.

Brooklynites have been complaining about their trolley car service. Considering the very important part trolleys must play in a city facetiously referred to everywhere as "trolley town," it is no wonder that the residents of the place resent anything out of order in their regular means of urban travel. They say the cars are cold, unnecessarily crowded; that the front doors should not be opened and that the conductors talk too much. In answer to all this, the general superintendent of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit makes this offer: He will allow any Brooklyn citizen of good standing to have his chair for 30 or 60 days with carte blanche to carry out his ideas for the improvement of the service. The only condition will be that the experimenter must consider the convenience of all sections of the city and must not discriminate against one section and in the favor of another. The superintendent adds that the company is looking for men who know how to run the road successfully, and will pay a large salary to anyone who can improve the present conditions. So there, now!

David Belasco's Triumph.

There was a big theatrical opening tonight. This is not usual on Christmas night, but David Belasco is not a usual kind of man. He wanted the first appearance of Mrs. Leslie Carter in his new play, "DuBarry," in New York to be a brilliant one, and he knew he would be sure of an immense audience on Christmas night. He was right, too. The Criterion was jammed from floor to roof, and everyone went wild over the play, and Mrs. Carter's powerful presentation of the title role. Belasco has lived in the theater since Sunday. The house was found to be too small to hold all the scenery and arrangements had to be made to store some of it outside while not in use. Then the great "sets" had to be trimmed and fixed so that they would fit in, and altogether Belasco was at the verge of nervous prostration when the curtain went up tonight. The performance was a triumph and Belasco earned it.

The Richest Actor in America.

Joseph Murphy, the Irish comedian, who is said to be the richest actor in America, may be seen in Broadway very often. He plays only occasionally, confining himself to one of his old successes like "The Kerry Gow" or "Shaun Rhue." Murphy is very deaf, and this gives him a studious expression that is carried out by his tastes, by the way. He is a great reader and dearly loves a polemical argument. I believe he is playing somewhere this evening. He is too good a business man to miss a profitable engagement, although his wealth is understood to foot up several million dollars.

Lady Lennox Praises Americans.

Lady "Algy" Gordon Lennox, who is regarded as England's best dressed woman, has a pleasant word for American women. She said yesterday: "To my mind, American women are the finest dressers in the world, particularly those who have been bred in New York. Their success is due to the fact that they wear becoming gowns, regardless of the very latest fashion. Simple costumes are always the most becoming, and they are, besides, more economical." And New York women have a higher opinion of Lady Algy than ever they had.

Salvation Army Dinners.

Madison Square garden was ablaze with lights and redolent of pine today. Christmas greens were hung about the big garden and there was a general holiday air of holiday comfort about the whole place which made one think of the dog show and the six-day bicycle race as impossible dreams. Of all the public buildings in the city there is none that changes so rapidly and completely as Madison Square garden. The Salvation army dinner is a big thing, indeed. In the morning 21,000 baskets of Christmas fare were given away to all who applied for them, and they went to every part of the city, giving a good dinner and dessert to thousands and thousands of homes where there would have been hard fare otherwise. Tonight dinner was served in the garden to 8,000 persons, with a regiment of Salvation army soldiers of both sexes waiting upon them. For weeks Salvation army men and women have stood at cold street corners asking for assistance for this Christmas bounty, and the fact that it is so large today speaks well for the charity of New Yorkers.

Glennon's Christmas in Jail.

Glennon, the Tenderloin detective, ate his Christmas dinner in the Tombs. He had a good dinner, but lacked the pleasant society that has usually been his on this holiday. His position as wardman of the Thirtieth street station, gave him a standing with the free-and-easy element uptown which meant entertainment for him whenever he desired it. Several thousand people used to consider it an honor if Glennon would drink a glass of champagne with them and if he uttered a witticism they would laugh with a heartiness that testified to their thorough appreciation of his humor. But no one laughed at anything he had to say today, any more than he is likely to laugh when he stands before Recorder Goff for sentence on Friday.

Neither Skating Nor Sleighing.

One of the sad features here on Christmas day is that there is no skating. There has not been any in New York city, for that matter, but ponds and lakes outside the city limits, and particularly in New Jersey were in splendid skating condition for a week or two. But now there has been snow and rain, with a constantly rising temperature, and skating in comfort is out of the question; but we have had to get along without either. Still, taking one consideration with another, we are doing as well as can be expected tonight.

Admiral Schley Among Friends.

Admiral Schley and Mrs. Schley went shopping yesterday, and it was something of a triumphal progress for the gallant sailor. All the clerks wanted to wait upon him and many persons asked the privilege of shaking hands. The admiral blushed like a schoolboy. He was recognized again this morning when he appeared on Broadway and Fifth avenue for a walk, and it is easy to believe that he has enjoyed his Christmas, as he said yesterday he knew he would.

Holiday Voyagers.

Some people regard it as lucky to begin a voyage on Christmas day. Perhaps that was the sentiment of the cabin passengers on the American liner Philadelphia, which sailed for Southampton this morning. It is true that there were not many persons at the pier to wish a good voyage to the travelers, but that may have been accidental. Wednesday is the regular sailing day for vessels of this line, and the fact of this Wednesday being Christmas did not alter the schedule. There were no Pittsburghers aboard.

Col. Ochiltree Slowly Recovering.

Col. Tom Ochiltree had a quiet Christmas. He is confined to his home at No. 1 West Thirtieth street with an attack of pneumonia, from which he is recovering slowly. He has been able to receive a few intimate friends in the course of the day, and his natural buoyancy of spirits has enabled him to put a good face upon his unfortunate condition. He has been missed from his usual haunts, particularly the lobby of the Waldorf-Astoria, for several weeks. He will not be seen there in a hurry, either, for he intends to go to the Hot Springs of Virginia next month to remain until his health is thoroughly restored.

Esmond Bewilders the Critics.

Henry V. Esmond's new play, "The Wilderness," which is at the Empire, presented by the Empire stock company, is giving the critics here a lot of worry. They cannot make up their minds whether they like it or not. All kinds of critics have tackled it—men critics, boy critics, girl critics, women caricaturists, society writers, office boys, amateur playwrights and Burr McIntosh. None of them know exactly what to make of it. They have sketched it, photographed it, ridiculed it, analyzed it and coughed over it. After all, the opinion seems to be that there are two weak acts and a good one, but none of the critics, photographers, caricaturists and "impressionists" can say which is which. Meanwhile it is drawing immense audiences, and there was not breathing room in the Empire tonight.

Innes Finds Separation Expensive.

Frederick N. Innes, bandmaster, may not have sent his wife a Christmas present, but he will not be allowed to overlook her altogether. He will have to pay her $25 a week alimony and $250 counsel fees. The order was made yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Scott. This makes $750 for counsel fees altogether allowed, and Mr. Innes begins to wonder when it will stop.

GEORGE C. JENKS.

Pittsburghers in New York.

The following Pittsburghers are registered at the New York hotels today:

WALDORF-ASTORIA.
F. J. Crolius. Mrs. F. J. Crolius.
J. J. O'Leary. Mrs. J. J. O'Leary.
W. C. Magee.

FIFTH-AVENUE.
W. Milligan.

IMPERIAL.
Harry Taylor. Mrs. Harry Taylor.

THE MAN UP A TREE

From a High Viewpoint.

Good morning! Has your little boy smashed all his Christmas toys yet?"

If some of those letters to Santa Claus failed to reach him it must be remembered that the old fellow has been moving about rather rapidly lately.

"Bless my heart, but it was the busiest Christmas I ever put in!" soliloquized Santa Claus as he leaned back in his sleigh and was rapidly hauled home by his reindeer.

Defective flues are the most expensive variety.

Even in cold weather people object to receiving a roasting.

One reason why people do not begin to buy their next year's Christmas presents immediately after Christmas and take advantage of the reduced prices is their money is all gone. There are other reasons, but they are unimportant.

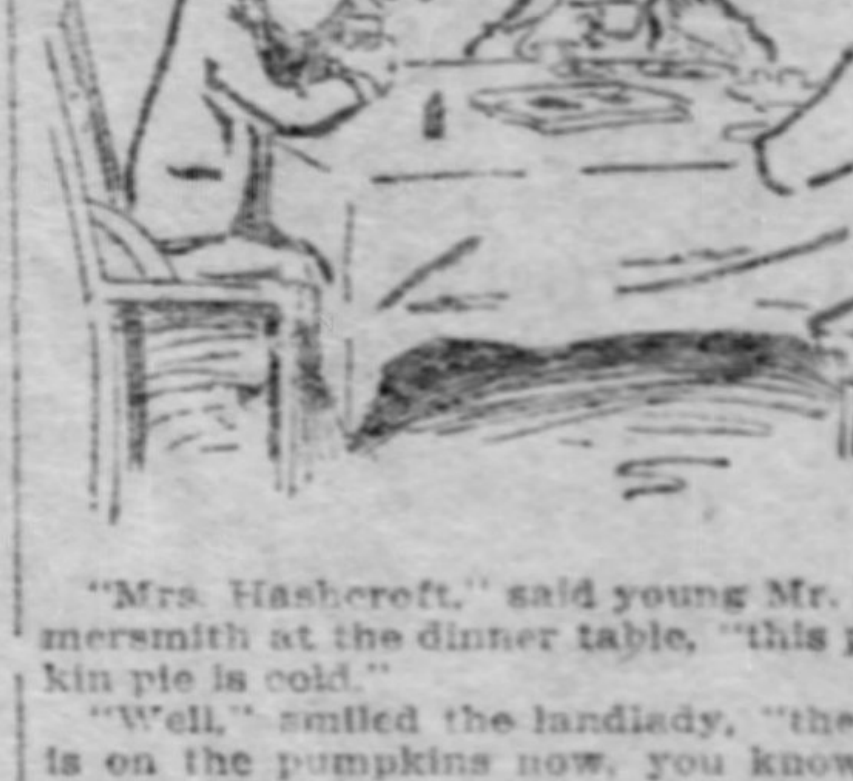
Two of Emperor Edward's noble lords possess the right to wear their hats in the presence of the king, providing they don't use them as conversation conveyors.

The large number of railroad locomotives now being built shows that this horseless age has not yet done away with the iron horse.

Chicago is advising St. Louis to postpone that exposition, because the figures 1903 add up to 13. St. Louis says she thirteenly can't think of such a thing.

The sultan of Turkey avoided bankruptcy this time by refraining from filling all his wives' stockings with Christmas gifts.

It Should Be Warm.

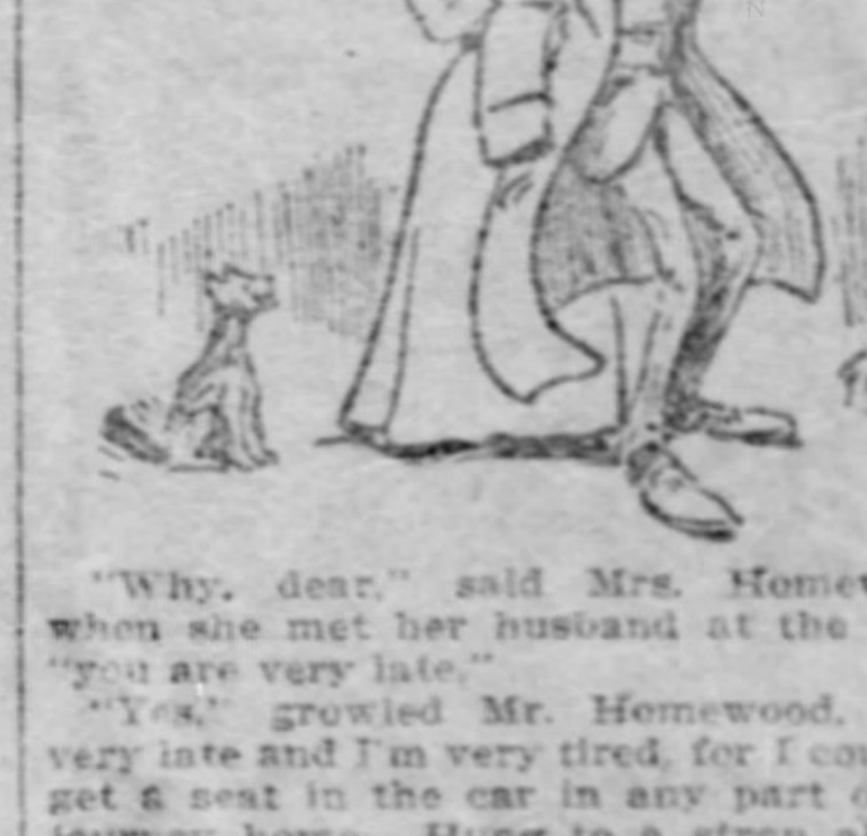


"Mrs. Hashcroft," said young Mr. Hammersmith at the dinner table, "this pumpkin pie is cold."

"Well," smiled the landlady, "the frost is on the pumpkins now, you know, Mr. Hammersmith."

"True; but you might put the pie in a warm oven awhile and drive the frost out."

Nothing New.



BLESS OUR HOME.

"Why, dear," said Mrs. Homewood, when she met her husband at the door, "you are very late."

"Yes," growled Mr. Homewood. "I'm very late and I'm very tired, for I couldn't get a seat in the car in any part of my journey home. Hung to a strap all the way and part of the time had to divide my strap with another man."

"Ah," commented Mrs. Homewood sweetly, "that's a standing complaint."

Misfit Christmas Presents.

What this country needs today is a bureau for the exchange of misfit Christmas gifts, to which requirements like the following may be referred:

Small boy wishes to exchange a book entitled "How to Behave," for a drum or a pair of skates.

Popular young clergyman would like to exchange an assorted lot of embroidered slippers for a box of good cigars.

Boarding-house keeper will give a cook book (leaves uncut) for a young turkey.

A young father will exchange a book called "How to Be Happy Though Married" for a small bottle of paregoric.

Young woman will trade a pair of large red wool mittens for a matinee ticket.

Gentleman who does not smoke will be pleased to exchange a meerschaum pipe for some article of personal adornment.

Young society man who has received a variety of articles, the uses of which he cannot conjecture, would exchange job lot of the same for the price of a few collars and cuffs.

That Is New Year's Day.

"It's a short time between holidays at this season," remarked Mr. Manchester.

"Perhaps," replied Mr. Birmingham, "and yet the next one will not arrive until next year."

POINT BREEZE.

Climate of Mexico.

From the Mexican Herald.

Americans who have lived in Mexico and now are residing in the French Riviera, and in the south of Spain, admit that "there is nothing like the Mexican climate." Italy, famed among Britons for its climate, is frequently treated to heavy snowfalls, and, as the houses are not built for winter comfort, only the hardest tourists endure it. Here, at least, one can drop down by railway to places like Cuernavaca, Iguala, Orizaba, Jalapa and Cuautla and be warm. This is a highly privileged country, despite all contemporary grumbling.

"By Jabers!"

From the Academy.

An expression which English writers frequently put into the mouths of their Irish peasants is "By jabers!" I have lived the greater part of my life in Ireland, both in the north and south, but I have never heard it. "Bedad!" or "Begor!" are quite common, but not "By jabers!" It would be advisable for English writers to leave the Irish dialect severely alone, for they are sure to come to grief when they try to represent it. They generally produce an impossible jargon, built after the conventional stage pattern.

Army Shoes and Corns.

From the New York Sun.

"If a law could be passed," said the chiropodist, "prohibiting the wearing of any shoe in this country except the pattern army shoe worn during the civil war, the corn doctor's occupation would be gone. That war was, for the time, the greatest corn eradicator ever known. I never knew a single case of a soldier in that war who suffered from corns a month after he began wearing his regulation army shoe, and I was four years a soldier in it myself. That shoe seemed to be made just right for comfort."

Not Pleasant to Contemplate.

From the New York Herald.

While the Washington administration can offer no objection to Germany's taking effective measures to collect what is justly due to her people, yet the possibility of her remaining in possession for years pending the gradual liquidation of her debt through the collection of customs at one or more Venezuelan ports jars unpleasantly upon the American people.

The John Brown Raid Recalled.

From the Philadelphia Press.

The discovery of official documents relating to the John Brown raid which have lain neglected in a corner at the Virginia capitol in Richmond, although much sought after, will throw a much-needed light on the attempt of John Brown to excite an insurrection among the slaves of the south, and which, foolhardy as it was, was only the forerunner of the greater conflict between slavery and freedom which quickly followed.

EYE-OPENERS.

The man who hasn't anything good to say of anybody else hasn't anything good to be said of himself.—New York Press.

He paid her lovely compliments
That filled her heart with thrills.
He's sorry for his rashness now,
For now he pays her bills.
—Philadelphia Press.

NEXT WEEK'S PLAYS.

What the Various Theaters Will Offer to Their Patrons During the New Year Holidays.

The Christmas pantomime now running at the Grand Opera house in Pittsburgh, which will start on its second week commencing Monday, December 30, is acknowledged to be the most gorgeous spectacular production ever seen upon a Pittsburgh stage. The seat sale for the coming week is extraordinarily large, and few events in the theatrical line have ever attracted the same degree of attention. All Pittsburgh is apparently interested in Manager Davis' big enterprise. He has invested thousands of dollars in this production, which stands unequaled for lavish expenditure of money and great good taste.

At the Alvin "Ben Hur" continues to attract immense audiences and will enter upon its fourth week with the same great crowds eager to see the dramatization of Gen. Wallace's beautiful story. A new and remarkable theatrical record has been established in Pittsburgh by the Wallace play and the indications are that its remaining days will witness even greater triumphs. The "run" positively closes Saturday night, January 11.

Ward and Vokes will present their very latest fun feast, "The Head Waiters," at the Bijou theater the week commencing Monday night, December 30, with matinees Wednesday and Saturday. In this production these popular comedians are surrounded with an exceptionally large and clever company of 55 people. It is promised that the staging is on a scale of richness surpassing any effort ever seen in this popular kind of theatricals. The company carries everything it uses and only requires the clear stage.

"A Trip to Buffalo," the musical extravaganza which ran for 11 consecutive weeks at the Academy theater, Buffalo, last summer, will be the New Year's offering at the Empire theater. A carefully selected company of 30 people is presenting the piece, which is scoring notable successes in the larger cities of the country. The piece is in a way a pictorial reflex of the Pan-American, reproducing a number of the familiar scenes, including the electrical illumination of the grounds, the Streets of Cairo, the Filipino village and the Streets of Mexico.

The crowd of laughing humanity that has packed the Duquesne theater to its utmost capacity this week is the best possible proof that Johnny Ray makes good his reputation of being the funniest comedian now before the public. The thousands who have tried in vain to see him this week will be glad to learn that "A Hot Old Time" will remain at the Duquesne for another week. The company this season is larger and better selected than any Mr. Ray has yet brought to Pittsburgh.

The next attraction at the Academy will be "The Brigadiers," composed of 20 handsome and lovely women, and a company of unsurpassed comedians and artists in their respective lines. They will give an excellent olio, also the two new novelties entitled "The Vanishing Brigadiers" and "The Fate of the Gondoliers."

The Beggars' Feast Day.

From the Ephemeris.

One day in the year Constantinople is free from the beggar nuisance—on November 28. This is the festival of St. John the Almsgiver, the patron saint of the mendicant profession. No beggar of the Greek faith is on [illegible] or her beat that day. In the forenoon all, or nearly all, orthodox mendicants attended a special service in the Church of St. Constantine, at which an archbishop officiated. It was arranged by their corporation, for they are organized into a guild like any other trade. The church, spacious as it is, was none too large for the numerous congregation of cadgers, many of whom in their holiday garb looked like respectable citizens. The rest of the day was spent in festivities, which were apt to extend so far into the night that many of the revelers were unable to attend to business on the morrow.

Verification of a Lincoln Truism.

From the St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Abraham Lincoln's truism in regard to the impossibility of fooling all the people all the time, says the Bethany (Mo.) Republican, "is particularly applicable to the ringsters of the Democratic party of Missouri at the present time. Corruption cannot hold high carnival forever, as Boss Croker found out." Republican Missouri is coming, and it will stay as long as the party gives the state good government and is faithful to the best interests of the people.

IN THE SMALL TOWNS.

If half the rumors are true, the morals of Canonsburg, with all its churches, are not what they ought to be.—Canonsburg Herald.

Isaac Altman is taking care of a carbuncle on the back of his neck at present.—Kittanning Times.

Miss Mary Poundstone butchered four fine hogs this week, which tipped the scales at more than the average weight. They were very fine.—Brownsville Monitor.

"Shorty," one of our typos, who hails from the land of Bobby Burns, says this is a great country all right; "that you're burnt oop in summer and froze oop in winter."—Waynesburg Times.

Don't know whether he found it or not, or whether he got what he wanted or not, but a dapper-looking young man on Main street yesterday asked a merchant if he could tell him where the marriage office was.—Uniontown Genius.

It is a thrilling story when one reads of shipwrecked sailors adrift on the ocean these cold days. But even then, one realizes there are some things preferable to riding on street cars which have no fires in them.—Akron Beacon-Journal.

The streets of Mansfield are to be lighted by electricity. Here in Smethport old-fashioned lantern power appears to be good enough light for the inhabitants of the town. If a man does not happen to own a lantern he can grope about in the dark—or any other old way he has a mind to.—McKean Democrat.

"This is a nice kind of a town to have letter boxes like this," irritably remarked a Cottage Hill woman, who was putting forth her best efforts in an attempt to deposit a letter in the fire alarm box in front of Moore & Stevenson's store. Some giggling men, who were watching her, only added to her vexation, but she finally discovered her mistake, crossed the street and put the missive in a letter box. Then she stopped a Siverly car and the conductor informed her it was not the one she wanted.—Oil City Blizzard.

A. A. Noel of Noel station came to town Monday evening on horseback, but he did not return that way, and thereby hangs a little story. After having finished the business he came to contract he started home, and when a short way out of town found it uncomfortably cold riding and decided to walk a short distance. He dismounted and started to walk behind the horse. But when he wanted the horse to stop it did not heed him, and started on a run toward home. Mr. Noel came back to town and took the evening train to his home.—Cresson Record.

A neatly dressed, modest young lady called at the City hall Friday morning and, approaching the desk of the official, asked, "Is this the weather bureau?" She was informed that Meadville has no such institution as a weather bureau. The caller expressed her regret, and further said: "My mother is about to take a long journey, and doesn't wish to start out if the temperature is not to be warmer. She has great faith in the predictions of the weather bureau." As the young lady departed, Mayor Lord muttered, "Some people are easily satisfied."—Meadville Tribune Republican.

Not a Sleepy Town.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

We are not hearing much from New York nowadays about the slowness of Philadelphia. The two rivers which run about that town are soon to be tunneled by a Pennsylvania corporation, and this may account for the silence over there. Singular, is it not, that with all those New Yorkers thinking so swiftly it should have remained for Pennsylvanians to teach them how to improve upon their railway facilities? Long ago it dawned upon the minds of certain other business interests that in their calculations they had to deal with this city, and now the fact is impressed anew upon the railway world. Well, it's not our funeral, and therefore we shall not hang crape on the door, and for the rest we shall trust President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania railroad.

PERSONALS.

"The railroads here don't seem to decorate for Christmas, as they do with us out in Wisconsin," said George D. DeHaven of Fond du Lac, at the Baltimore & Ohio station last night. "Out our way the Pullman cars and the railroad stations are hung with green at this time of the year, but I haven't seen a Christmas car since I left home. I notice, however, that the saloons are all decorated here, while at home they have no Christmas decorations, though I am told they serve special drinks on Christmas."

Local traffic on all the railroads entering Pittsburgh was very heavy yesterday, many suburbanites having come to the city for sightseeing and to go to the theaters. The through traffic was, as usual at this time of the year, very light, and passenger trains from the east and west contained but few travelers. The Chicago limited from New York on the Pennsylvania road had only 12 passengers.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, spent the day at his East End home yesterday after his return from the west. He and Mrs. Schwab left for New York in the afternoon. They will sail for Europe on the steamer La Savoie today. Count Camille Mercader, chief engineer of the Carnegie Steel Company, will sail on the same steamer.

W. T. Hales, a mine owner from Wallace, Idaho, is at the Hotel Anderson. Wallace is the center of the Coeur d'Alene silver and lead producing district. Mr. Hales was surprised on investigation to find that Pittsburgh uses 100,000 tons of lead every year. A great deal of it is used in the glass business.

Lorenzo Norvell of the mechanical engineering department of the Pressed Steel Car Company, with headquarters at Chicago, spent Christmas with relatives and friends in this city.

Neighbors Visiting Pittsburgh.

The following arrivals from nearby towns were registered at the hotels yesterday:

Duquesne—M. H. Spaulding, wife and child, Sistersville, W. Va.; John Comer, Lone Pine, Pa.

Newell's—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Herbert, Scottdale; M. C. Noon, Irwin.

Griswold—Thomas McCaffray and Miles Swanty, Youngstown, Pa.; W. R. Wright, Burgettstown; John M. Nutt, Fayette City.

Monongahela—Mrs. E. A. Platt, New Brighton; J. R. Craig, Beaver.

Lincoln—Mr. and Mrs. James A. Pierce, Sharpsville.

Victoria—M. Shloss, Butler; W. J. Finkerton, Muddy Creek Forks.

Victoria—W. M. Werkman, Wellsburg, W. Va.

Anderson—James Denton Hancock, Franklin; W. F. Hibbetts and wife, E. C. Hibbetts and W. H. Jack, Wellsville, O.; Charles R. Federman, Monongah.

Henry—R. J. Anderson, Uniontown; J. Lynch Cook, Brownsville.

JUNGLE IN JACKSONVILLE.

Wild Animals in Close Proximity to the Houses of Citizens.

Florida Times-Union and Citizen.

Mundy's animal show, which will winter in Jacksonville, arrived in the city early yesterday morning and this morning the big lions and tigers and polar bears, hyenas, etc., are located in a lot near the corner of Bay and Ocean streets.

This is not where it was originally intended that the show should be, however. Mr. Mundy had first pitched his tents in the lot in front of the Grand View Hotel on Forsyth street, and had begun to make preparations for installing his show there for the winter, having rented the property and obtained a license. The roaring of the lions, however, and the uncanny noises made by the others beasts were not just what the residents of the neighborhood were looking for, and they promptly filed a protest with the mayor, saying that they would rather the show were somewhere else, where their slumbers would not be disturbed by the sounds that properly belong only to the jungle of an African forest. Some of them also stated that they were not so sure one or more of the fierce beasts might not slip out some fine day and go foraging about in the neighboring yards in search of human blood.

Altogether, the protests of the residents was so vigorous that the proprietor of the show was asked to see what other arrangements could be made, and the result was that last night horses were hitched to the big cages containing the animals and they were taken to the lot on Ocean street.

There are eight of the cages and as they were trundled down the street the beasts within protested at being disturbed most vociferously. The reverberating roars that were emitted by Prince, the biggest and fiercest lion of the show, could be heard for many hundred yards, and caused the people to run to the windows of the houses along the streets through which the lion passed. The jungle sounds caused cold chills to run down the backs of those who heard it at a distance. The snarling of the wildcats and tigers and the weird hyena laughs from those latter brutes also caused considerable excitement. The show is now located at a point where the noises of the animals will not disturb the residents.

INTRIGUING IN PERSIA.

England Steadily Losing Ground in the Empire.

From the London Standard.

Your correspondent had an opportunity today of learning something of the actual situation in Persia from a friend who left Teheran only 10 days ago, and who for the last nine years has been in more or less close touch with government circles and with the chief foreign legations in the Shah's capital. As a result of his close observations and intimate knowledge of Persian affairs my informant is convinced that in the Anglo-Russian struggle for political influence and commercial advantages England is steadily losing ground, except in Southern Persia, where she continues, so far, to hold her own against Russia's attempted encroachments.

It is a generally expressed belief in diplomatic circles at Teheran that the British legation in that city, which, curiously enough, is partly financed by the Indian government, would have been far more successful in the leading object of its mission had it been politically controlled during recent years by Lord Curzon instead of by the British Foreign office, as the present viceroy possesses a unique knowledge of the situation in Persia. During the last 12 months the Russian legation at Teheran has been largely instrumental in furnishing both to the Persian authorities and to the Persian people detailed translations of British reverses and difficulties in South Africa, and has thus propagated the opinion that a power which cannot crush the petty Boer states could have no hope or chance of victoriously contesting Russia's strength and influence.

AMONG THE OLD MASTERS.

They All Looked Alike to This Young Woman.

From the New York Tribune.

A good-looking young woman, who had evidently been fed on large quantities of "culturene," was piloting about the Art Museum the other day a fat and comfortably middle-aged soul, whose agreeable but totally uninspired features showed that hers was the proud privilege of being mother to her companion. The girl dragged her mother from canvas to canvas, explaining things in a high-pitched voice:

"Rembrandt was a Dutchman," she observed. "You see how full of shadows his pictures are."

"Shadows, indeed," returned the mother. "I must say, though, it was well for that lady he did put her in the shadow. He must have been well paid for painting her, I should say," she added with scorn.

The two passed on to Rubens.

"Ain't they fat, those ladies—if you can call 'em ladies!" exclaimed the portly matron, for once interested.

"He used his wife as a model, mother," volunteered the cultured one.

"Well, now," said mother wrathfully, "to think a man would make such a show of his own wife! No, I may not be so well educated as you, but I know better than that, I hope."

The conversation, carried on in clear tones, had attracted the attention of half the room. The girl blushed deeply, and drew her mother away in the direction of the modern rooms. The hopeless remark floated back.

"No, Antoinette, it ain't no use. Them old masters all look alike to me."

LOCAL NEWS OF ALL PITTSBURGH

Population 726,064

Area Sq. Miles 316.22

THREE CITIES
45 BOROUGHS
26 TOWNSHIPS

Fifth in Volume of bank clearings--Fourth in rank among cities.

A Semi-Weekly Raid—The police of Homestead made their semi-weekly raid on the speakeasies of the borough yesterday. Four resorts were visited and 30 men were arrested.

Braddock Robbery—The residence of Robert Fitch in Lilley avenue, Braddock, was robbed yesterday. Two suits of clothes, an overcoat, a pair of shoes, a watch and $4 were taken.

Mills Did Not Resume—The Carnegie mills at Homestead did not resume this morning as expected. The car shortage is so serious that no work will be done until next Sunday evening.

Robbed in State Alley—F. E. Bradley of No. 618 Vine street reported to the police yesterday that he had been held up in State alley Tuesday night by two colored men, who robbed him of $2 and a gold watch.

Stole the Doctor's Rig—Dr. W. C. Roady of No. 205 Carson street left his horse and buggy standing near his home yesterday, when two unknown men jumped into the rig and drove away. There is no clue to their identity.

Two Men Injured—J. C. Gourley, an old resident of Braddock, was thrown from his wagon yesterday and seriously injured. Stephen Yenner was struck by a passenger train at Turtle Creek and is now in Mercy hospital.

Fell on Sidewalk—Patrick Donovan was removed to the Homeopathic hospital last night in No. 1 patrol wagon. He fell on the sidewalk at the corner of Fifth avenue and Smithfield street, cutting a deep gash in his forehead and dislocating his right arm.

A Fatal Fall Downstairs—Charles Weber fell down a flight of stairs at the Robinson hotel, Braddock, yesterday and broke his neck. He was 55 years old and was not married. His only known relative is a brother living somewhere in Pittsburgh.

Killed by Train—George Fertick, a track walker on the Fort Wayne railroad, was struck by a train at Verner station at 6:30 o'clock last evening and instantly killed. He boarded at a house on Benton street, Allegheny, and had a wife and family in Austria.

Only One Fined—Of 33 prisoners at Central station yesterday morning 32 were discharged. The only sufferer was Alice Stanton, who was alleged to have stolen [illegible]0 from a man at 530 Third avenue. She denied it, but Magistrate McKenna believed the complainant's story and fined her $10, which she paid.

Kicks May Be Fatal—Louis Neff is being held at the Braddock police station to await the result of injuries he inflicted on his wife yesterday. When he returned from work he quarreled with her and after knocking her down is said to have kicked her. Physicians who attended the woman say she is likely to die.

Fell Dead at the Table—While eating his Christmas dinner in his home, at No. 110 Eleventh street, South Side, Wilcrutti Mavurkiewelv, a Hungarian, 45 years old, fell dead of heart disease. He was apparently in good health and was enjoying his meal with his relatives. He leaves a wife and six children in Austro-Hungary.

Long Family in Trouble—Archie Long, who reported the mysterious disappearance of his wife to the police several weeks ago, was locked up in No. 3 police station last night, charged with disorderly conduct. With him were arrested his wife, who had returned, three other women and two men, all on the same charge. A three-year-old child of the Longs was also locked up with its mother.

Robbery in Allegheny—James E. Barker of No. 604 Madison avenue, Allegheny, reported to the Allegheny police yesterday the loss of an overcoat, a silver watch and chain, a ring and a stickpin. He says a man known as "Muggs" McClellan took the articles from his trunk. Some time ago, it is said, McClellan took a watch from him under similar circumstances, but later returned it. An information will be made against him this morning.

Fireman Was Injured—Fire was discovered at 5:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the works of the Pittsburgh Machine and Casting Company on Preble avenue, Allegheny, and an alarm turned in from box 12. The fire originated in the engine room of the plant and before extinguished damaged the place to the extent of about $700. While working with a line of hose on the tin roof of the place, Fireman Dennis Devan of engine company No. 12 stepped on a portion which had been burned out underneath and fell through to the floor below. He was sent at once to the Allegheny General hospital, where it was found that he was not seriously injured, sustaining only a couple of scalp wounds and a cut about the mouth.

Shooting at Live Marks—Charles Nemod, an Italian, was locked up in Central station last night by Detectives Eagan and Cole as a suspicious person. Nemod was amusing himself by shooting at passersby yesterday afternoon at the corner of Wylie avenue and Tunnel street. Officer Lawrence Bartley arrested Morris Robinson yesterday afternoon at the corner of Virgin alley and Liberty street. Bartley, it is said, shot at a man in the Thirty-second ward Tuesday night. He was taken to No. 7 police station for a hearing this morning.

His Body Was Cut in Two—A man supposed to be John Jouster was instantly killed on the Chartiers branch of the Panhandle railroad, near Carnegie, about 8:30 last night. The body was cut in two when found, and the remains were picked up and removed to Steele's undertaking rooms at Carnegie. In one of the man's pockets was found an account book issued by the Federal Supply Company, bearing the name J. Jouster. He was about 40 years of age. The body was so badly mangled that recognition is almost impossible.

Tools Identified—Thomas Johnson, Charles Cunningham and Clyde Younger will have a hearing this morning on a larceny charge. They were arrested Tuesday night near the Pittsburgh locomotive works, in Beaver avenue, and locked up on a suspicious person charge. Yesterday tools found in their possession were identified as property stolen from the locomotive works, and the police believe that they were stolen for the purpose of opening safes, as they were of the kind used by safe-blowers. The men hail from West Virginia, but boarded at No. 3 Magnolia street.

Was Not a Murder—Cries of "murder" attracted a crowd in front of a house at No. 1812 Mary street last night and word that a crime had been committed was sent to the Twenty-eighth ward police station. Capt. Charles Gallant made an investigation and found this to be untrue. It was told to the captain that George Loeffler, a young man, had some words with his mother, who lives at that number, that his sister took the mother's part, and that Loeffler beat them both and would have inflicted serious wounds upon them had not his brother-in-law interfered. Loeffler was arrested later.

Two McKeesport Accidents—Charles Myers, aged 35 years, was run down by car No. 384 of the United Traction Company on Walnut street, McKeesport, about 8 o'clock. After being knocked down Myers was being dragged by the safety fender. Officer John Englert, who has the reputation of being the strongest man on the McKeesport police force, seized him by the shoulders and dragged him from under the car. Myers escaped with a few bruises. John Reiten, a 14-year-old boy, was struck by a Jenny Lind street traction car of the Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Connellsville line at 8:30 last night and had his left foot ground off. He was removed to his home in Union avenue, McKeesport.

Three-Cornered Fight—There was a shooting affray on Sycamore street yesterday and as a result Nathan Burch of Virginia avenue and Moses Robinson and Mrs. Alice Jackson of Rubicon street, all colored, were arrested and locked up in the Twenty-eighth ward police station. Robinson and Mrs. Jackson were walking along Sycamore street, when the former wanted the woman to go into a house. She refused. While the two were quarreling Burch came out of the house and soon the men were fighting. Robinson pulled out a 38-caliber bulldog revolver and began firing at the other colored man, but the bullets went wild. Robinson ran away and soon afterward Capt. Charles K. Gallant arrested Burch and Mrs. Jackson and sent them to the Twenty-eighth ward police station. Robinson was afterward arrested.

Plans Nearly Done—The Carnegie Steel Company has about completed plans for remodeling and enlarging the great armor plate department of the Homestead steel works. Its capacity will be doubled in accordance with the request of the war department that the output of armor plate be increased. The machine shop adjoining the casting and forging department will be moved to make room. All of the monster lathes, drill presses, boring machines, devices for testing tensile strength, power plants, etc., will be picked up and carried 300 feet toward Homestead on a plot occupied by the pattern and carpentry departments now. The plot thus vacated is on the long side of the present rectangular armor plate department, so that the change will make it practically square. The great press in the plant, which has a capacity of 12,000,000 pounds, will be duplicated by another exactly like it in power, the two making the greatest pair in the world. Work is to be started shortly, or as soon as the details of the plans are prepared. The American Bridge Company will receive the contract for the structural work.

HOUSEKEEPER'S NOTEBOOK.

To mend hard rubber articles, a cement made of a melted mixture of gutta percha and genuine asphalt applied hot, has been found efficacious. The parts must be kept pressed together until the cement has cooled.

Chiffon, when soiled, can by a process of steaming be made to look almost as well as when new. Take a sheet of cardboard (the lid of an old box will do), and pin the fabric length by length on to it. Steam well, and when nearly dry remove it from the cardboard, and press under a heavy weight.

A writer says: "If you take a teaspoonful of saltpetre, mix it with half a cupful of water and pour it among your bucketful of coals, then let it stand a few minutes before putting on the fire, it will keep your fire brighter, and make the coals last much longer."

Hartshorn will take out white marks from furniture and save repolishing.

An old-fashioned remedy for quinsy, but one that is said to be effective, is an onion poultice tied on under the chin as hot as it can possibly be borne. The inside of a baked apple just taken out of the oven and mixed with a half ounce of strong tobacco, tied on while quite hot, has also been recommended.

Always rub a little soft (not melted) butter over the top of bread dough when in a mass and after being molded into loaves, and a hard crust will thus be avoided.

Always make starch with soapy water, which will give a better gloss to the linen and prevent the irons from sticking.

Always open canned fruit or vegetables an hour or two before they are needed and the flavor will be improved.

Always empty the contents of a tin can into a glass or china dish as soon as it is opened.

Always keep steel ornaments in powdered starch to prevent their rusting.

Always invert the wash tubs and put a little water on the bottom of them, and they will not dry out and leak before the following washday.

Always see that the shoes are properly cared for when taken off at night; straighten and smooth out the wrinkles, draw down from the instep and pull up from the heel.

Never paper a wall that is inclined to be damp without first making it impervious to moisture; this may be done by applying a varnish of one part shellac to two of naphtha. The disagreeable odor will soon disappear, and after papering there will be no more trouble from moisture stains.

Never read, nor sew, nor write immediately after coming from comparative darkness into a bright light, if you have good eyes and would keep them good.

Never add salt to new milk used for gravies, stews, etc., until just before serving if you would avoid curdling the milk.

In order to preserve the length of the days of a tablecloth avoid folding it in the same creases every time it is laundered.

If canned tomato ferments a little soda will restore it.

Naphtha is recommended as a good cleanser for light furs. Pour the naphtha over the fur and then fluff and pat it until the dirt is worked out. When satisfied that it is clean press the naphtha out by drawing the hand firmly over it; shake and hang in the open air to dry.

CURRENT MODES.

Fashion shows a decided partiality, too, for the Arabian lace table covers, scarfs and tidies which are accorded a prominent place among household linens.

There are curtains, also, of Arabian lace and these are now the most fashionable among the ecru lace window draperies. With their elaborate but refined loveliness of design and harmonious "tone," they lend themselves readily to artistic utilization for the windows of a drawing room or library.

Both full-length and sash curtains come in Arabian lace. In both, the main part of the curtain is of deep ecru net with a handsome wide border and cornerpiece of lace, or the lace may be introduced as a wide insertion with a narrower border of lace to edge the curtain. The panel effect is very effective for sash curtains, or you can select a sash curtain entirely of lace.

These Arabian lace curtains range in cost, from prices for the modest purse, or one can readily exchange $600 for designs which represent the acme of elegance among these modish window draperies.

An exclusive and elegant novelty is the curtains of white silk gauze with insertion, border and a flounce below, of the new filet lace. To drape one's windows with these is to proclaim to the world one's ultra-fashionableness.

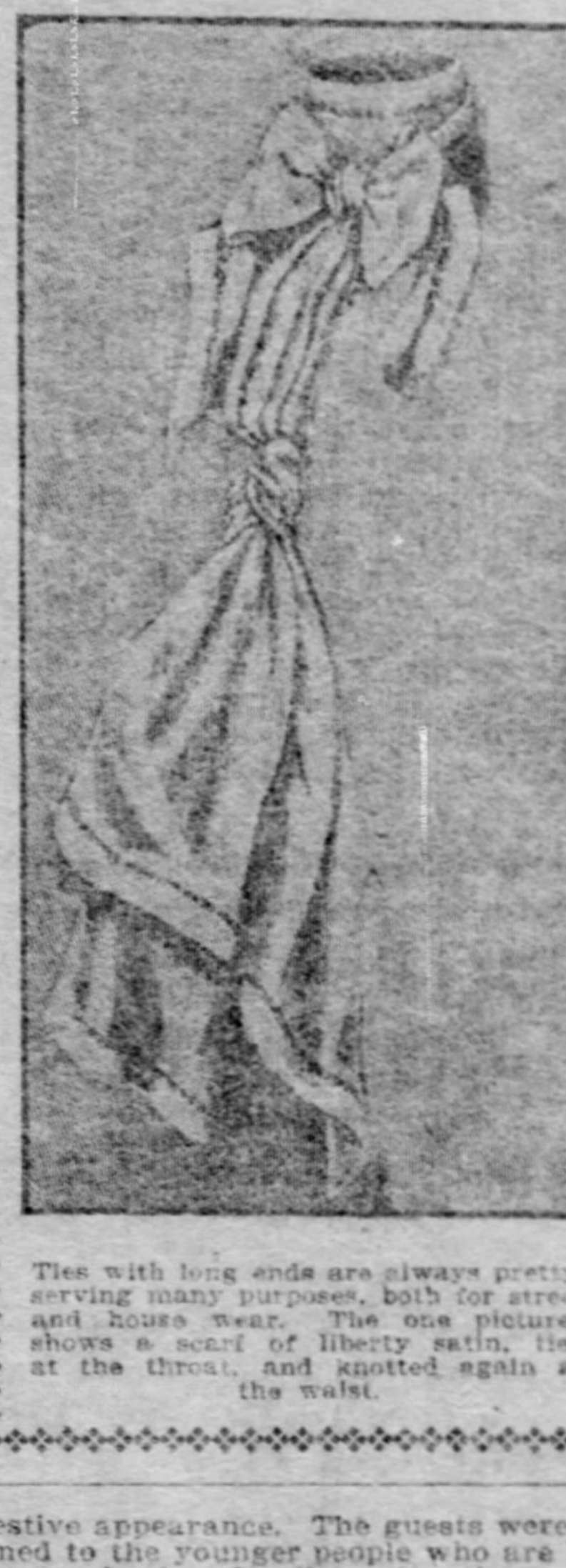
Fashion does not hesitate to play pranks with nature, if it happens to suit her fancy, and so we have sprays of white holly with perhaps a suggestion of green on the leaves and white instead of scarlet berries.

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE HOME

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1901.

> "An unlessoned girl, unschool'd, unpracticed;
> Happy in this, she is not yet so old
> But she may learn."
>
> —SHAKESPEARE.

A GRACEFUL SCARF.



Ties with long ends are always pretty, serving many purposes, both for street and house wear. The one pictured shows a scarf of liberty satin, tied at the throat, and knotted again at the waist.

Society

The second annual ball of the Eighteenth infantry at the Hotel Schenley on the night of January 31 promises to be the social event of the season in Western Pennsylvania. Something over 3,000 invitations will be sent out and many of them will go to the leading military officers and prominent citizens of the United States. All the leading officers of the Ohio National guard will be invited, as will many of the officers of the New York and New Jersey National Guards. The executive committee, of which Col. Frank I. Rutledge is chairman, have affairs now in such shape that the military ball will be the greatest ever held in Pittsburgh.

Not only the large ball room at the Hotel Schenley has been engaged, but an extra room for the dancers has been secured. The committee having in charge the decorations of the ball rooms have secured one of the most eminent decorators in the country, and the two ball rooms will be bowers of beauty. A meeting of the executive committee will be held on Saturday afternoon, when plans for the decorations of the rooms will be decided upon.

The affair is already causing much interest, not only in military circles in the brigade, but among the society people of the city. The ball of the regiment last year was successful beyond the expectations of the officers. It was the first regimental ball held in Pittsburgh for almost a quarter of a century and was attended by the leading society people from all over the state. This ball promises to surpass it, as is already shown by the increasing demand for invitations. Ten committees have the affair in charge and a guard of honor will be on duty to look after the comfort of the guests.

The following are the committees in charge of the hall:

Executive committee—Lieut. Col. Conrad Kay chairman, Maj. O. C. Wiley, Capt. R. W. Bissell, Capt. C. C. Huff, Capt. E. M. Kukill, Capt. W. K. Reifsnyder, Capt. A. W. Obert, Capt. J. A. Stout, Lieut. J. J. Wilson, Lieut. W. H. K. Duff, Lieut. C. C. Hussey, Lieut. R. H. Shaffer, Lieut. G. B. Lane, Lieut. Jere Carney.

Reception committee—Col. Frank I. Rutledge chairman. This committee will consist of all the commissioned officers of the regiment and 10 members of the veteran corps, with Col. Chambers McKibben as vice chairman.

Committee on visiting officers—Maj. J. E. McNary, Maj. C. C. Wiley, Capt. J. P. Martin, Capt. G. H. Bennett, Lieut. E. B. Riddle, Lieut. T. J. Reneker, Sergt. J. C. Blair, Sergt. H. F. Biggam, Sergt. W. McC. Reynolds.

Invitations—Lieut. F. S. Guthrie chairman, Lieut. G. W. Brawner, Lieut. B. S. Ralston, Lieut. Edward E. Stieren, Lieut. R. H. Shafer.

Decorations—Capt. H. L. McKain, Capt. C. L. Sharp, Lieut. A. R. Cratty, Lieut. R. J. Morgan, Lieut. W. R. Ramsey.

Ushers—Lieut. G. W. Brawner, Sergt. Thomas Murphy, Sergt. F. A. Hartung, Sergt. C. M. David, Sergt. Joseph Ruettiger and the first sergeants of each company.

Door—Maj. R. W. A. Simmons, Lieut. B. S. Ralston, Lieut. Edward E. Stieren, Lieut. H. L. Cochran, Lieut. A. M. Duff, Lieut. E. M. Haud, Lieut. John J. O'Neil, Lieut. William A. Fink, Sergt. J. H. Simpson.

Patrons—Lieut. Col. J. C. Kay, Lieut. Col. Frank S. Guthrie, Lieut. Col. C. C. Husey.

Refreshments—Lieut. G. B. Lane, Lieut. J. H. K. Duff, Lieut. J. P. Karch, Lieut. G. W. Wattles, Lieut. H. L. Cochran, Lieut. E. C. Menke, Lieut. Sidney France, Lieut. W. H. Taylor, Sergt. J. C. Blair.

Guard of honor—Capt. John B. Guthrie, Lieut. J. H. Duff, Lieut. A. N. Riddle and one corporal or sergeant and two privates from each of the following companies: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M.

Floor—Lieut. Edward Kearns, Capts. Robert W. Bissell, E. M. Hukill, L. L. Carson, A. W. Obert, F. W. Eggers, W. F. Reifsynder, A. J. Henderson, Lieuts. F. S. Guthrie, Warren Wattles, George Brawner, Edward E. Stieren, R. J. Morgan, John G. Wilson, Jere Carney, C. G. Hussey and R. H. Schaffer.

Music—Capt. A. J. Henderson, Capt. W. K. Reifsnyder, Capt. C. C. Huff.

Cotillion at the Pittsburgh Club.

The Christmas dance of the series of Cinderella cotillions was the prominent social event of last evening at the Pittsburgh club. It was the second of the series given this winter and was particularly enjoyable. The novel favors, the handsome Christmas decorations and the presence of several out-of-town guests and a few of the older girls and men attending college made it one of the most delightful of the holiday entertainments. The patronesses received with the exception of Mrs. Alexander Laughlin, Jr., who is ill, the number including Mrs. William Thaw, Jr., Mrs. Harry Darlington, Mrs. Harmar D. Denny, Mrs. Park Painter, Mrs. Louis W. Dalzell, Mrs. John S. Dickson and Mrs. Charles H. Halcomb. Three figures were danced, the leaders being Thomas O'Connor Jones, William B. Scaife and William Thaw. The favors for the first were snowballs for the girls and quaint little Santa Claus figures for the men; for the second, silver picture frames for the girls and silver ash trays for the men and for the third figure the favors were smart little dog whips for the men and birds in cages for the girls. The favors were provided by Mrs. Harry Darlington, Mrs. Louis W. Dalzell and Mrs. Alexander Laughlin, Jr.

Toner-Earhart.

Last evening at the home of the bride's mother in Center avenue, Verona, Miss Agnew Jane Toner, eldest daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Toner, and Howard L. D. Earhart of Altoona, were united in marriage at 4 o'clock, by the Rev. Jesse Penny, pastor of the Second United Presbyterian congregation of Verona.

Miss Toner is a member of the United Presbyterian congregation and is well known and very popular. She is also very active in church and Sabbath school work. She is also a musician of ability. Mr. Earhart was for several years one of the officials of the Allegheny Valley railroad with headquarters at Verona. He is now located at Altoona, occupying a responsible railroad position.

Miss Nellie Earhart, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, and Miss Myrtle Toner, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Robert T. Toner, brother of the bride, was best man.

Cotillion in the East End.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nimick Frew's cotillion for their daughters, Miss Margarita and Miss Virginia Frew, was the social event of yesterday for the school and college set. The dance was conducted at the residence of Mrs. William Frew, in the Beechwood boulevard, whose spacious halls and library afforded scope for a dance of large proportions. The house was brilliantly decorated throughout, while the lights were covered with gayly colored shades, contributing to the festive appearance. The guests were confined to the younger people who are home from school and college, together with a few friends of Mrs. Frew, who assisted in the distribution of favors. Miss Margarita Frew returned a few days ago from Dobbs Ferry, where she had been at school since September.

Carter-Craig.

A quiet Christmas wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents at Bridgeville last evening at 6 o'clock. The ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Dr. A. A. Mealy, pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian church of Bridgeville, united Miss Jeannette A. Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Carter, and Dr. Robert M. Craig, a well-known dentist of Dennison, O. Only the immediate families of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony. After the wedding the bride and groom left for a short wedding tour. They will reside in Dennison.

Christmas at Memorial Hospital.

Many little hearts were made happy at the United Presbyterian Memorial hospital for Children in Monterey street, Allegheny, on Christmas morning by Master Levi Wade, the only child of Dr. and Mrs. Francis Henry Wade of North avenue, who paid his annual Christmas visit to that institution, as he has done for nine years past. He carried with him a host of beautiful toys which he distributed in person to the little sufferers. There were well-filled hampers, elegantly dressed dolls, mechanical toys, miniature automobiles, hansom cabs, ships and countless other things.

PRISCILLA'S PENCIL.

Worn from its usual sharp point by the stress of Christmas shoppings, found many a pretty idea hanging among the numerous Christmas trees which blossomed into beauty in Pittsburgh yesterday. In a big nursery whose windows overlook Fifth avenue, four little boys, who will some day be among the prominent business men of the city, had a tall tree, hung from top to bottom with bright Christmas fruits. One lad, whose mind turns rather to the thoughtful things of life, stood looking at the gift-hung branches a long time, and then remarked: "I say, papa, isn't it a shame that Christmas trees don't grow wild? Then all the poor little boys and girls could go out in the woods and hunt them and get things off." Later in the afternoon some of the fruit and candy which adorned this particular tree was sent down town to a mission room, where several of the "poor little children" had opportunity to enjoy it, even without finding a tree growing wild.

In Holly Red—

A dainty little Pittsburgh patron entertained a group of congenial friends at a dinner yesterday. For the nonce she had put aside her formal visiting list and her table is surrounded by friends chosen for pleasure rather than for society. An artist who is too shy to be coaxed into company with the ordinary dinner circle, a just discovered musician whose way through life has hitherto led him far from the road of good dinners, and a struggling journalist who has not had a chance to make his reputation yet, are among the "bohemians." Holly adorned everything, from the chandelier down to the hostess' topknot of fluffy hair, and little holly trimmed boxes contained pretty souvenirs for the several guests. "The very nicest dinner party I ever gave," said the hostess after the last guest had departed, and she turned a little regretfully back to the beaten pathways of society entertaining.

Nuts and Candy—

In divers shapes formed the souvenirs of a family party given in a Ridge avenue home yesterday. Little baskets quaint in shape held the heaped-up bon-bons, and the guests looked askance at the rough brown walnut shells and the chocolate coated balls which were brought them. But the shells and chocolate proved but thin veneer for the daintiest of boxes, each containing a little trinket with the birth month jewel of the recipient, in combination with a round coral head, for Christmas, the latter after the fashion of the Neapolitan peasants who declare that coral presented on Christmas day brings good luck for a year and a day.

A Young Mother—

Whose year-old son has seven devoted aunts, to say nothing of two grandmothers and a half dozen or so of jolly uncles, prepared unique Christmas gifts for each "from the baby." All his baby shoes have been carefully saved, from the white christening shoes to the worn little bronze bootees in which he kicked his first journey across the nursery floor. These were stuffed with cotton to a semblance of the plump foot, and then a bag of silk in corresponding shade was made and sewed to the top. This bag was filled with cotton scented with sachet powder and tied with ribbon, giving a souvenir of baby days which carried delight to each recipient.

One Christmas Stocking—

Hung by a Wilkinsburg girl had an unexpected filling in the shape of a little mouse which was tempted to nibble at the candy on top and fell down through the loosely packed contents nearly to the toe.

Motto Ribbons—

Of delicate hued satin, worked with a Shakespeare quotation or a proverb and used to string across the mirror, are favorites with school girls this year. Several brought home from school by the visiting girls were exchanged as gifts yesterday.

A Bunch of Violets—

With silver paper wrapped about their stems and a single white rosebud nestling in among the petals went from a Pittsburgh florist to a pretty maiden living in the East End yesterday, carrying a message of success and joy. Misfortune in business brought the postponement of a wedding last June, and the affianced couple resolved to wait until the New Year before settling another date. A venture which would restore prosperity has hung fire for several weeks, and the happy man, being alive to sentiment and poetry, though a "modern man" in every other particular, sent the white rose in his sweetheart's Christmas flowers to indicate the wished-for successful culmination of his venture. Had the bunch been all purple it would have shown that the venture had proved a failure. As it is, the wedding bells will probably ring in January.

In Blue Satin Wrappings—

The daintiest of necklets went to a Pittsburgh girl this morning. Attached to it is a pretty story—one of those which are often found in fiction but seldom in real life. The young daughter of a wealthy man, during a stay at a mountain resort last summer, used a portion of every morning to read to an old invalid who had no companion other than a hired attendant. Her sisters laughed at her and called her "sister of charity," but she kept on in her good work and the old man's appreciation was shown this morning very tangibly in the pretty pearls.

A Little Boy—

Whose family is prominent in one of the big churches, on learning that the morning service would take his mother and sisters away, asked why people must go to Church on Christmas morning. "To praise God and express our thanks for His godness," said his mother. "Well, I think it would be ever so much nicer if we would invite God here to stay all night and get some presents than to go and sing in the church," was the reply.

Two Little Maids—

Whose added years do not reach the dozen mark, gathered up all the dolls they could find this year and sent them to the toy mission to be given to poor children. The youngest child had a treasure in rags named Sara Melinda, which had been her favorite since babyhood. When her mother asked her if Sara Melinda was to be sent she shook her head. "All the rest can go," she said, "but Sara Melinda is so very fractious that I'm afraid no other little girl could manage her without whipping her, and I couldn't stand it to have Sara Melinda whipped."

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DEATHS.

BOEHMER—Tuesday, December 24, at 11:45 p. m., CHRIST BOEHMER, in his 71st year.

Funeral services at his late residence, 219 Woodville avenue, West End, on Friday, December 27, at 2 p. m. Friends of the family, members of Menner Unterstutzung verein of German Evangelical church, West End, and members of G. A. R. Post, West End, respectfully invited to attend. Interment private.

BRIGHT—Suddenly, on Tuesday, December 24, at 1:30 p. m., HARRY H. BRIGHT, of Valley street, Oakmont.

Funeral services at the home of Charles G. Emrick, this morning at 10 o'clock. Iona Lodge K. of P. will meet at Verona tool works at 9:30 and proceed in a body.

BROWN—On Wednesday, December 25, 1901, at 4 a. m., CARRIE L., beloved wife of Samuel C. Brown (nee Day), in the [illegible]d year of her age.

Funeral services at the family residence, Genesta street, Hazelwood, on Friday at 7:30 p. m. Interment on Saturday at West Monterey, Pa.

CLAUS—At Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, on Wednesday, December 25, 1901, at 1 a. m., CHARLES HENRY CLAUS of Coalport, Clearfield county, Pa., in his 69th year.

Funeral on Friday, December 27, 1901, at 10 a. m., from Beirhauer's chapel on Sixth avenue, Pittsburgh. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

DONALDSON—At his residence, No. 82 Blackadore avenue, Thirty-seventh ward, on Monday morning, December 23, 1901, at 3 o'clock, DAVID ANDREW DONALDSON, in his 46th year.

Funeral services Thursday, December 26 at 10 a. m.

GALEY—On Wednesday, December 25, 1901, at 2:15 a. m., SAMUEL GALEY, aged 49 years.

Funeral services at his late residence, 316 North Negley avenue, East End, Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment at Beaver, Pa., Friday afternoon. Train leaves P. & L. E. depot 1:50 city time.

GUCKERT—On Tuesday, December 24, 1901, at 7:10 a. m., at his residence, 811 East Ohio street, LAWRENCE GUCKERT, aged 82 years, 3 months, 5 days.

Funeral services on Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock. High mass at St. Mary's church, corner Nelson and Liberty streets, Allegheny at 9. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

GALLAGHER—On Tuesday, December 24, 1901, at 2 a. m., WILLIAM E. GALLAGHER, son of William Gallagher, aged 35 years.

Funeral on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from family residence, 119 Taggart street, Allegheny. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

GUY—On Tuesday, December 24, 1901, at 10:15 a. m., at Homeopathic hospital, OLIVIA E. GUY (nee Hunter), wife of W. W. Guy.

Funeral services at the chapel of H. Samson, 433 Sixth avenue, Pittsburgh, this morning at 10 o'clock. Interment private.

M'ILWAINE—At the family residence, 2110 Center avenue, on Wednesday, December 25, 1901, at 9:15 a. m., GEORGE DOUGLASS M'ILWAINE, M. D., in his 36th year, son of Oliver S. and Henrietta Douglass McIlwaine.

Interment private Friday afternoon.

MAXWELL—Suddenly, on Monday, December 23, 1901, HARRY J., only son of Thomas and Mary C. Maxwell.

Funeral from the family residence, 3331 Liberty avenue. Time will be given later.

MOWRY—On Monday, December 23, 1901, at 12:20 a. m., JACOB MOWRY, in his 87th year.

Funeral services at his late residence, Beamville, Jefferson township, on Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Carriages will depart from Semmelrock Bros., 1720 Carson street, Pittsburgh, at 7:30 a. m.

SMITH—On Wednesday, December 25, 1901, at 8:15 p. m., GEORGE L. M'COOK, son of W. H. and Mary D. Smith, in his 34th year.

Funeral services on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at 603 West Diamond street, Allegheny. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private Friday morning.

[Philadelphia papers please copy.]

SWOGER—On Tuesday, December 24, 1901, at 8:30 a. m., MARTHA J., wife of George A. Swoger, in her 37th year.

Funeral from the family residence, 126 Lambert street, East End, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private.

WELCH—On Wednesday, December 25, 1901, at 3 a. m., MRS. JOHN W. WELCH, widow of J. W. Welch, of near Bradenville, Pa.

Funeral services at her late residence on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Derry.

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Some regular lines of Silver, as in China, are not reduced—this plain statement of fact is made so as to avoid any misunderstanding.
Everything fancy to be sold at half—and the variety is immense. All marked in plain figures—just half—and no deviations from that fixed price whatever.
Books—all that are thumbed or dusty, no matter how slight, go at Half Price—copyrights as well as setts and Boys' and Girls' Juvenile Books—all soiled Books half price.
All the Art Calendars—they're mostly fine ones—go at half price.
Christmas Cards less than half price.
Celluloid Novelties and all the other Novelties in that department—Work Boxes, fine Glove, Handkerchief and Trinket Baskets, unique Pen Wipers and Curios—all half price.
Leather Goods and Novelties, also all slightly scuffed Dress Suit Cases and Traveling Bags, go at half.
This large Leather Goods department affords great opportunities at today's sale.
Pictures, 25c to $30.00, at half—that's 13c to $15.00—get to the second floor prompt.
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SIXTY PEOPLE NARROWLY MISS A SUDDEN DEATH

Accident on the United Traction Line Near City Line.

NINE PEOPLE WERE HURT

One Car Was Standing on the Track in Darkness With a Burned-Out Fuse When Another Crashed Into It From the Rear.

Sixty passengers on one of the Braddock cars of the United Traction Company had an almost miraculous escape from death or serious injury at Brown's sawmills, between Glenwood and Braddock, about 12:10 o'clock this morning. As it was, a motorman and two passengers were slightly injured and six others badly bruised.

MRS. MYERS of Braddock, passenger on the forward car, No. 427, arm broken and otherwise bruised; attended by a physician and sent home.

RICHARD BARRETT of Braddock, motorman of rear car, No. 310; badly cut about the head and face; sent back to Glenwood.

SYLVESTER LYNN of Browns station, passenger on forward car, cut on the head by flying glass; attended by a physician and sent home.

Six others injured slightly; names not known.

Shortly after midnight, when the Braddock car reached a point near the city line, the fuse blew out. The car, which was crowded with passengers, was instantly thrown into darkness and the motorman and conductor got off to try and put in a new fuse. With no light to guide their work this took some time, and in the meantime the car stood on the track with its load of men and women, with no warning to any approaching car that this boxed-up pile of humanity was standing helpless in the way.

While in this position and before the new fuse had been adjusted, a second car, also bound for Braddock, came hurrying down the track. At this point on the line, which lies between a steep bluff and the river, there are few houses and no crossings, and the cars usually attain a high rate of speed. This is particularly true at night.

Last night was no exception. The second Braddock car was running at a rate of about 30 miles an hour, and, in the darkness the motorman did not see the car ahead until he was almost upon it. Then he exerted every means in his power to save the passengers under his care and those who were crowded together in the car ahead.

That he was able to accomplish this was little less than a miracle. The cars came together with a crash. Glass was shattered, women screamed and all made a frantic effort to get on to solid ground. The front car was not seriously damaged, although all of the windows were shattered by the force of the impact.

The rear car did not fare so well. The front was smashed in and Richard Barrett, the motorman, was badly cut about the head and face. Sylvester Lynn of Browns station was badly cut on the head by flying glass and Mrs. Myers of Braddock had an arm broken. Both of these passengers were in the forward car.

Dr. Charles Blessing of Glenwood was hurriedly called to the scene of the accident and he there attended as best he could the injured persons. C. W. Betteredge, superintendent of the United Traction Company, and the dispatcher also hurried to the scene.

When the excitement had partially subsided and the wounds of those who had been injured had received as much attention as could be given at the place and hour, the forward car was hurried on to Braddock as rapidly as possible. The rear car was so badly damaged that it could not be of further service, and it was sent back to the barns at Glenwood.

THREE KILLED IN A RIOT.

Fatal Result of a Negro Quarrel Over a Land Sale.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Dec. 25.—Three negroes were killed near Wilmot yesterday as the result of a quarrel over a land sale.

Martin Davis and Jeff Davis, cousins, engaged in a fatal duel. James Thompson, a friend of one of the dead men, was subsequently shot and killed by Arthur Davis, father of Martin Davis. Arthur Davis is in jail.

COTTON OIL AFLAME.

Eighty-Thousand Dollar Fire Visits a South Carolina Industry.

FLORENCE, S. D., Dec. 25.—The cotton oil mill plant owned by the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, with 600 tons of cottonseed and products and four freight cars of the Atlantic coast line, were burned tonight. The value of the mill plant is estimated at $40,000 and of the stock on hand, including manufactured products, $40,000.

The insurance on mill buildings and machinery was $16,000; on stock, about $10,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Telegraph Succeeds Pigeons.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Homing pigeons are to give way to wireless telegraphy at the Brooklyn navy yard. The pigeons are to be sold and the department will commence at once a series of experiments with wireless telegraphy as a means of communication between warships.

Unknown Kills a Postmaster.

WATER VALLEY, MISS., Dec. 25.—An unknown man rode up to the store of Matt Keith, postmaster and a storekeeper at Fletcher, Panola county, about 12 miles from here, late yesterday, and calling him to the door shot him twice, killing him instantly.

ADDITIONAL DEATHS.

Col. George M. Taylor.

VINCENNES, IND., Dec. 25.—Col. George M. Taylor, traveling passenger agent for the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railway, is dead at his home in this city from blood poisoning, following a slight surgical operation. Col. Taylor was a St. Louis man and leaves a daughter there and wife and two daughters in Vincennes. The remains will be buried in Baltimore, Md., his boyhood home.

T. M. James.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 25.—T. M. James, uncle of Frank and Jesse James, and one of the leading merchants of the city, died here today. He came to Kansas City in 1854 and since then has been identified with various business institutions of this city. He has been an active worker in the Baptist church and a generous contributor to the William Jewell college at Liberty, Mo.

Col. R. B. Renfro.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Dec. 25.—Col. R. B. Renfro of Brownsville, a prominent citizen and politician of Texas, and one of the leading Republicans of this state, died at Corpus last night. He was collector of customs at the port of Brazos during President Harrison's administration.

MISS WILLIAMS' COSTLY BLUNDER

CAUSED EXTRA SESSION OF THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE.

While Copying the Famous Race Track Amendment Bill She Substituted "Prohibited" for "Provided"—Governor Called Legislature to Correct Error.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 25.—The appointment of Miss Margaretta Williams of this city to the well-paying post of chief stenographer in the office of Clerk of the Supreme Court Riker revives the story of how she, when employed to draft the famous "race-track amendment" made an error which caused the governor to reconvene the legislature in extra session to correct her blunder.

Miss Williams' error in copying the race-track amendment is a matter of record in the annals of New Jersey. Although she does nit blast of it, Miss Williams holds the distinction of being the only woman in the country who was responsible for the calling if an extra session of any state legislature.

The error was the substitution of the word "provided" fir "prohibited" in the race-track amendment, which was adopted by the voters of the state four years ago. This change controverted the bill, changing as it did the entire sense of the clause and giving it a directly opposite meaning. The proposed amendment contained the following clause: "Nor shall any gambling device, practice or game of chance now prohibited by law be legalized," etc.

In the process of copying the amendment the term "provided" was inserted where the term "prohibited" should have been. This word, if left as it stood, would have nullified the effect of the amendment. On account of the defect in this bill the governor, John W. Griggs, who afterward became United States attorney general under President McKinley, did not attach his signature to the measure providing for the holding of a special election in the fall to allow the people to vote upon the constitutional amendments.

The amendment to the constitution, with two others, was first submitted to the legislature in 1896 and passed at that session. They were also passed by the legislature of 1897 and adopted by a vote of the people in the month of September following.

After the amendments had been adopted by the legislature in 1897 Lawyer Frank Bergen of Elizabeth was deputized to draft a bill providing for the special election. In the drafting of this bill it became necessary to recite the various amendments to be voted on. Mr. Bergen had the bill drafted in his office, but not having a reliable copy of the amendments at hand he had space left for their insertion after the bill was received at the state house. It was here that the error crept in. Miss Williams was asked to insert the amendment, and she unwittingly substituted "provided" for "prohibited." The engrossing clerk followed the copy furnished, the mistake passed unnoticed and the bill, which had been introduced on the last day of the session, was hurried through both houses and sent to the governor.

The legislature had adjourned by the time Gov. Griggs discovered the error. On May 11, 1897, he issued a proclamation calling an extra session of the legislature.

On May 25, in accordance with the governor's proclamation, the 60 assemblymen and 21 senators assembled at noon.

The process of rectifying the error was simple. When the legislature convened the roll was called, a new bill was presented containing the proper phraseology, it was advanced to second and third readings under a suspension of the rules and passed without a dissenting vote. The legislature after having been in session exactly seven hours, most of which time was taken up in waiting for the bill to be regularly engrossed.

It would be difficult to even approximate the cost entailed by the error of Miss Williams, the typewriter. It was necessary to have the entire clerical force of both houses of the legislature present during the extra session. This force numbered in the neighborhood of 100 persons, who, with the senators and assemblymen, each received the sum of $10 for mileage, which is according to custom. The clergymen who offered prayer at the opening of the session received $10 each. The legislators received no extra compensation in the matter of salary, but many of them suffered inconvenience and loss of money in answering the special call of the governor. The legislative halls had been dismantled according to a rule enforced each year as soon as the legislature adjourns. It was necessary to engage an extra force of men to restore the chambers to their accustomed appearance, and this force was continued several days after the extra session to help array the legislative halls in their vacation dress. There was money wasted for the publication, in the numerous papers of the state, of the nullified amendment, to say nothing of the extra stationery and incidentals.

Miss Williams was given the appointment in the office of the supreme court clerk over 200 applicants for the next vacancy.

BELASCO'S PLAY OPENED.

Mrs. Leslie Carter Scores a Decided Hit in Historical "Du Barry."

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Tumultuous applause tonight marked the climax of David Belasco's new historical play, with Mrs. Carter in the title role of Du Barry. The play is an excellent bit of stage mechanism, deftly carpentered and magnificently upholstered. It avails itself of many well-known devices for producing a thrill, but it welds together old and new so ingeniously that it impresses you as a new and completely rounded work. You are not even disillusionized when the heroine hides the body of her lover, in La Tosca fashion, choosing this time the bed upon which she has thrown him.

The play, moreover, affords Mrs. Carter a chance to run through the entire gamut of her histrionic possibilities, and if it sometimes launches her into the impossible, the next scene gives her an opportunity to more than relieve herself. In the lighter parts she was sometimes heavy; in the purely pathetic ones, her pathos was overstrained. But in the scenes that told the most, the scenes for which all the rest had been a preparation, those in which she voiced the madness of an agony of heartbreak, she was utterly genuine and the art was swallowed up in emotion.

THE KING'S CHRISTMAS.

Edward and Queen Alexandra Gave Children Many Toys.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Christmas in London was fairly fine, but the heavy snow returned from Scotland. The king, with the Princess Victoria, attended service in the morning at the chapel royal in St. James' palace and later dined quietly with the Duke and Duchess of Connaught at Clarence house.

The queen sent an enormous quantity of toys with autograph cards to the children's hospitals in London and the royal family made generous gifts to other hospitals. King Edward sent contributions to the dinners of all regiments of the household troops.

Red Tape Burns a Village.

There was a big fire in Hermannsreuth, a village in Austria, near the Bavarian frontier, some time ago. A Bavarian fire brigade heard of the disaster and hastened to the rescue. The Austrian custom house authorities stopped them on the frontier and refused to allow the brave fellows to proceed with their engine until they had paid the usual tax on imported machinery! Naturally, the Bavarians returned home again and red tape resulted in half the burning village being destroyed before the nearest Austrian brigade was on the scene.

Famous Old Belvidere Hotel May Be Turned Into a Hospital.

An option has been secured on the historic Belvidere hotel by Dr. A. J. Givens, of Millvale. Dr. Givens proposes to turn the hotel into a hospital for the benefit of residents of Sharpsburg, Millvale and Etna, comprising a population of some 20,000.

The Belvidere Hotel.

Mrs. Louis Bechtold, the owner of the hotel, is heartily in favor of the scheme. She asks $11,000 for the property, consisting of an 18-room house, with some two and one-half acres of ground and 156 feet of frontage. The option runs until February 1, 1902, and if by that time Dr. Givens has not been able to get sufficient financial support for his plan, the option will be extended.

Many of the physicians and prominent people of that vicinity are interested in the scheme, and it is hoped support can be gotten from manufacturing interests and railroads also. Mrs. Bechtold hopes that the deal will be closed before next license court, but says if it is not she is willing to apply for license again and turn over the net receipts of her bar to the hospital project.

The Belvidere hotel is historic. It was built about 30 years ago and for many years was a favorite rendezvous for rivermen, bringing rafts and lumber down the river. It saw many wild times, and was for some years a great place for gambling and cock fighting. Of late years its character has changed greatly and it is not different now from the ordinary country tavern. Its location is considered to make it especially fitted for hospital purposes. The estimated cost of establishing a hospital is $15,000.

PEARL HARBOR LAND WILL NOT COST LARGE SUM

United States District Court Awards 600 Acres At $75 an Acre.

OWNERS DEMANDED $600

Sugar Interests of Hawaii Are Not Pleased at Prospect of Free Trade With Cuba and the Philippines. Pres. Dole Coming to Washington.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

HONOLULU, Dec. 18, via Victoria, B. C., Dec. 25.—The first of the suits brought by the United States to condemn lands needed for the naval station at Pearl harbor was decided last week by a jury in the United States district court, which awarded the land to the government at a price far below the demands of the owners.

The case was that of the United States against the estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop, involving over 600 acres of land at the site of the proposed station. The Bishop estate, in its answer to the suit of condemnation, demanded about $600 per acre for the land while the government's price was about $30. The jury brought in a verdict awarding the defendants about $75 per acre. The verdict is taken to indicate that the government will get land wanted for a naval station for a small sum.

A special election held in Hill district last week to choose a successor to the late J. E. Waliko member of the house of representatives resulted in the election of James Lewis who was the defeated Republican candidate at the former election. The campaign was a quiet one.

President Roosevelt's message is commented on here as adverse to the sugar interests of Hawaii. The declaration against allowing more Chinese to come here was a disappointment to the planters. The prospect of reciprocity with Cuba, the possibility of free admission of sugar from that island and the Philippines as well as Porto Rico, are also disappointing to Hawaii. In spite of these influences, however, sugar stocks remain firm.

Attorney General Dole will leave for Washington in the near future to present to the United States supreme court the appeal of the territory in a case involving the question of the legality of trials without grand jury indictments, under the Hawaiian law allowing jury verdicts by nine jurors after an examination.

Considerable alarm is felt in marine circles for the safety of several overdue vessels from Pacific coast ports. Among them is the ship S. D. Carleton, 44 days out from Tacoma.

Senator Sewell Weaker.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 25.—United States Senator Sewell was reported by his physicians tonight as a little weaker than he was yesterday. The patient is, however, taking nourishment and the doctors apprehend no serious turn in his condition tonight.

ONE CHILD CREMATED AND PARENTS INJURED.

Frightful Result of a Fire Which Destroyed a Philadelphia Home. Girl Forgotten.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 25.—One child was burned to death, its parents were seriously injured and two other young children were slightly injured as a result of a fire at the home of James H. Connelly at midnight tonight.

Shortly after the family had retired, fire was discovered on the first floor of the house. The flames had gained considerable headway and escape by the stairs was cut off. Connelly threw his 2-year-old son and 2-months-old baby out of a second-story window into the arms of neighbors, and the little ones escaped with slight injuries. The parents then jumped and were both badly hurt by their heads striking the stone sidewalk.

In the excitement the 4-year-old daughter Mary was forgotten. When the parents realized that she had not escaped a frantic effort was made by the firemen to save her. The house by this time was badly damaged, and after the flames had been extinguished the little girl's charred body was found in a second-story rear room.

It is not yet known whether the parents will recover from their injuries.

EIGHTY SOLDIERS POISONED.

Surgeon of the Opinion That the Beef They Ate Was Bad.

CHEYENNE, WYO., Dec. 25.—Eighty members of Company F, Eighteenth infantry, were poisoned while eating breakfast this morning, and for a time fully half of them were in danger of death. Before breakfast was over every man in the company had to leave the table, and soon all were prostrated and in great agony.

The post surgeon was hurriedly summoned and administered an antidote. Forty of the men who sat down first were in very bad shape and vomited vigorously. The antidote administered relieved all of them, and this evening most of them were able to be about. One old man, however, whose name was not ascertained, is critically ill.

The surgeon examined the food served at breakfast and is of the opinion that the poison was in the beef.

JUMP FROM BROOKLYN.

Ned Hanlon Likely to Loose a Trio of Youngsters.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Ned Hanlon is going to have a little trouble with some of his Dayton grasshoppers. J. P. Gochnaur, who played with Brooklyn in last fall's games, has turned a flip-flap and dropped down W. R. Armour's Cleveland chimney—a Christmas gift for Cleveland fans. Both Eddy Wheeler and Clarence Eugene Wright are also between two fires and are trying to break into the diamond cast of "Under Two Flags." Manager Armour claims the trio signed contracts to stick to him before Charles H. Ebbets rounded them up for the Trolley Dodgers. The struggle to hold them will be an interesting one. Armour is said to have won Gochnaur to his cause by personal persuasion done up in large hunks and handed to the wavering shortstop at his Altoona home.

Cosmic Dust.

From the New York Sun.

Small particles from the sun itself projected into space may account for the zodiacal light and for the solar corona. Such particles would be electrified and develop cathodic and X-rays. The atoms of the surrounding gases would be ionized. The positively charged atoms would remain near the sun, the negative ions would form centers of condensation for the cosmic dust, which would pass outward into space. The sun-lit side of the earth would receive a constant stream of such particles, which would remain in the upper air.

CHRISTMAS DAWN BROUGHT DEATH

SOOT IN CHIMNEY CAUSES DEATH BY ASPHYXIATION.

Neighbor Laden With Christmas Gifts Finds Two Persons for Whom They Were Destined Dead in Their Home. Civil War Veteran a Victim.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

FORT WAYNE, IND., Dec. 25.—Two persons are dead and one will die as the result of asphyxiation last night at the residence of George Schaffer, a wealthy retired grocer.

The Dead Are:

GEORGE SCHAFFER.
ANNA JAMES.

The Dying:

HENRY ANDERSON.

Schaffer was a German, 65 years of age. Henry Anderson, aged 60 years, a veteran of the civil war and a lifelong friend, was his companion.

A nephew of Schaffer went to the house this morning with Christmas presents. He found the place locked and forced an entrance and the bodies of the James woman and Anderson were found in the upper part of the house. The woman was dead, but Anderson still showed signs of life.

His physician says he cannot live. An investigation by the police showed that the chimney flue was obstructed with soot and the gas had filled the house, which was tightly closed.

IRON PLANT SOLD.

Commonwealth Trust and Guarantee Co. of Harrisburg the Purchasers.

BELLEFONTE, PA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—At an adjourned sheriff's sale here the entire plant of the Valentine Iron Company, including furnace, rolling mill and ore lands and rights aggregating 50,000 acres, was sold to the Commonwealth Trust and Guarantee Company of Harrisburg, for the sum of $86,000.

The land originally cost over half a million dollars, and today is worth four times what it was sold for. Whether or not the sale will mean an early resumption of the plant is not definitely known.

Stole Cattle From Indians.

HELENA, MONT., Dec. 25.—The jury in the United States court, in the case of Robert E. Lee and Samuel Garvin, charged with stealing 700 cattle from the Indians on the Crow reservation, returned a verdict this evening finding both defendants guilty, after a trial lasting two weeks. Motion for a new trial was made.

Jeffries and His Brother Spar.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 25.—James J. Jeffries and his brother, Jack Jeffries, gave a 6-round boxing exhibition at Convention hall here tonight. The champion will give no more exhibitions before he reaches New York, where he goes direct from here.

Laborer Crushed to Death.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Tony Straw, aged 29 years, a Hungarian laborer at the furnace of the Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company, was crushed to death in a casting box at the furnace tonight.

Mills Are Idle.

NILES, O., Dec. 25.—Both the National Steel Company's furnace and the American Tin Plate Company's mill have been idle since Monday on account of the coal and coke famine.

Indiana Foundry Burned.

EVANSVILLE, IND., Dec. 25.—The foundry of George L. Mesker was destroyed by fire tonight. Loss $60,000; insurance $30,000.

UNKNOWN MAN DETERMINED TO END HIS CAREER

After Having Cut His Throat He Coolly Waded Into River at Esplen.

SEEMED TO BE PROSPEROUS

Girl Wife in the East End Drinks Rough on Rats Because, It is Said, Her Husband Had Deserted Her. Attempt at Suicide Unsuccessful.

To make assurance doubly sure an unknown man waded into the Ohio river at Esplen yesterday after he had cut his throat.

Well dressed and apparently prosperous enough, he had sought a strange place for his suicide. No one in Esplen knows the man. There is nothing in his clothes to give even a hint as to his identity.

The body was found in the river shortly after 2 o'clock by John Caspar. He dragged it to the bank and it is now at an undertaking establishment. The coroner had made no investigation of the case at midnight. He was apprised of the fatality some nine hours before.

The man appeared to be about 35 years old. He was little over 5 feet tall, and stout, with a fair complexion and dark, well-cropped hair and a thin moustache. He wore a black coat and vest and striped trousers. An envelope found in his coat bore the name "J. Wragg."

Because her husband deserted her, Mrs. Bessie Seller, 18 years old, employed as a domestic in the residence of O. K. Ashworth, No. 341 Lehigh avenue, attempted to commit suicide yesterday afternoon by taking a dose of "rough on rats" at the residence of her employer. She bought the poison in the drug store of Seigfried & Co., at Highland and Center avenues. Her condition is not serious. Her husband deserted her about three months ago.

FLAG WAS PRESENTED.

Allegheny Engine Company No. 11 Receives Gift of National Banner.

Engine company No. 11 of Allegheny was presented with a fine United States flag yesterday afternoon by Howard B. Schauer, a former member of the Fourteenth regiment, N. G. P. Appropriate exercises, held in the new engine house of the company on Troy hill, marked the presentation of the flag. The session was called to order by Former Alderman Peter Boister. Common Councilman John F. Kunkel of the Thirteenth ward presented the flag on behalf of Mr. Schauer. Capt. Harry Renziehausen of No. 11 company received the flag for the company, and made a neat speech, thanking Mr. Schauer for the flag and Mr. Kunkel for his untiring efforts to secure the new engine house for the company.

Capt. Renziehausen was born in the Fourth ward, Allegheny, and has served on the fire department of the city all his life. He was first on the volunteer fire department and upon the organization of a paid department he was put on it. After a few changes he was appointed captain of No. 11 company, where he has remained for the past 20 years.

MOTHER AND CHILD CRUSHED.

Baby Wandered on Railroad and Parent Tried to Rescue Her.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Lucy M. Brass and her 4-year-old daughter were killed this evening by being run over by a Baltimore & Ohio train near Ellicott City.

The child had wandered unobserved upon the railroad track just before the train came by. The mother rushed forward to snatch the little girl out of the way, but both were crushed to death.

WANTS NAME CHANGED.

King Edward Bestows His Name Upon a Hospital Fund.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The king has written a letter to the committee of the Prince of Wales hospital fund in which his majesty says:

"I have been so much identified with the creation and success of the fund and continue to take so great an interest in it that I desire that its present name be changed into that of King Edward's hospital fund for London."

FIFTEEN CARS DERAILED.

Five Persons Injured in a Texas & Pacific Wreck.

GRAND SALINE, TEX., Dec. 25.—In a freight wreck near Silver Lake today 15 cars were derailed and five persons more or less injured.

The Texas & Pacific "Cannon Ball" engine, which had been detached and sent on with a wrecking crew, was derailed while returning from the freight wreck and four men were injured, none fatally.

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Spalding Says It Is a Fight to the Finish

SPALDING WILL CONTINUE AS HEAD OF LEAGUE

Says Freedman's Attorney Misquoted His Letter to Fool the Public.

INTENDS TO FIGHT IT OUT

Says He Regards John I. Rogers' and Attorney Kiddle's Opinion as Good as That of Freedman's Lawyer. Wants the Case Pushed.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—Mr. A. G. Spalding left here this evening for South Carolina, but before leaving gave out a statement in reply to the communication given out by Mr. Andrew Freedman's lawyers regarding Mr. Spalding's statement that he would not act further as president-secretary-treasurer of the National League. Mr. Spalding said in part:

"Mr. Freedman's attorney is at perfect liberty to make any deduction from that letter he pleases, but it speaks for itself. The quotation that this New York attorney makes from my letter is as misleading as everything else that Mr. Freedman has done since this baseball controversy commenced. If he had preceded his quotation "that I must refuse to act further as president-secretary-treasurer of the National League" with the words "pending the decision of the court," he would have shown a stronger disposition to quote my letter correctly.

Simply a Matter of Opinion.

"Early December 14 I was informed by a committee of the National League that I had been elected unanimously president of that organization on that date. Col. John I. Rogers, a prominent attorney of Philadelphia, has assured me that that election was regular and legal. A similar opinion has been expressed by my personal attorney, Mr. Alfred W. Kiddle, of New York. I believe I am the legally elected president of the National League, and as I consider the opinions quoted above as good as the opinion of Mr. Freedman's attorney I shall continue to believe myself the legally elected president of the National League until some court of competent jurisdiction shall decide otherwise. Pending the final decision and in accordance with the order of the supreme court of New York, I am temporarily restrained from acting as the president-secretary-treasurer of the National League, and I must bow to the majesty of the law and comply with the court's order.

"I have instructed my attorney to do whatever in his judgment he may deem necessary to make a proper answer at the proper time to any and all charges that may be preferred by Mr. Freedman and those who for personal reasons seem to deem it necessary to continue their association with him in these legal proceedings.

Will Fight to the Finish.

"I have instructed my attorney to insist that the case be brought to trial, and not permit it to be dismissed until a final decision has been reached. Mr. Freedman's attorney's insinuation that the issuance of a temporary injunction upon the hearing only of Mr. Freedman's side of the case settles the case in Mr. Freedman's favor, is too ridiculous to treat seriously, and was given out probably for the purpose of throwing dust in the eyes of the baseball public and to try to befog the real issue and also to stampede the four clubs that are responsible for my election."

The statement closes with a sharp attack on Mr. Freedman and his methods as a baseball magnate.

STICK TO HIS CLASS.

Dan Patch, the Sensational Pacer, May Be Kept Off the Track Next Season.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Unusual interest centers about the make-up of the grand circuit program for next season, inasmuch as the decision of the stewards in this matter will determine whether or not the sensational young pacing stallion, Dan Patch, 2:04¼, is to be campaigned in 1902. This 5-year-old son of Joe Patchen, 2:01¼, went through the circuit from Windsor to Memphis without losing a race. He looks like the best horse in the 2:05 class for next season, and turfmen are speculating as to whether the associations will indirectly bar him by making no class between the free-for-all and the 2:06 race. M. E. McHenry, who drove Dan Patch in all his winning races last season and who will handle him again next year if he starts, says he will advise D. A. Messner, Jr., the owner of the horse, to keep him in retirement for a year if the grand circuit managers pursue this course.

"Of course," said McHenry yesterday, "I believe Dan Patch is the best pacer in the country, but it would be asking too much of him, great as he is, to pit him against such old stagers as Prince Alert and Anaconda in the free-for-all class next year. He isn't used to racing at the clip they go and a young horse might get discouraged or he might be unable to carry his speed far enough to win, if suddenly forced to drop from 2:06 or 2:05 down to 2:01 or thereabouts. If Mr. Messner heeds my advice he won't race Dan Patch in the free-for-all class next year."

BLAMES THE STAGE.

Pugilist George Dixon Says It Kills Prize Fighters.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—"The stage is killing prize fighters," says George Dixon. "Every noted pugilist, from John L. Sullivan down to Terry McGovern, all apparently invincible at one time, went on the stage and was beaten. Corbett was defeated when he seemed to be in his prime, but it was after he had become an actor. Fitzsimmons, Sharkey, Mitchell and others suffered the same fate, all after they had adopted the stage as a profession.

"Terry McGovern whipped all comers during his first two years in the pugilistic game, but a little over six months behind the footlights made him easy prey for 'Young' Corbett, the present featherweight champion.

"A prize fighter in the pink of condition becomes utterly unfit to engage in a battle after a year or two and sometimes after only a few months on the stage. His vitality is gone, at least to a certain extent, he lacks that snap and vim that characterized his every movement in the ring, his blows are less effective, and half the punishment that he could take without flinching previous to going on the stage will knock him out ninety-nine times out of a hundred. This is all due to changing his operations from the open air or a well-ventilated gymnasium to a stuffy and, as a rule, ill-ventilated theater. He may take just as much daily exercise and may be unconscious of the fact that his vitality is gradually slipping away, but his next battle, as the records show, will bring him to the sad realization."

Michigan Eleven Reaches Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—The University of Michigan football team, in charge of Coach Yost, has arrived in this city en route to Pasadena, where it will play the Leland Stanford Jr. university eleven on New Year's day. The men will leave for Southern California this evening.

Ready for First Game.

The Allegheny High school basketball team has nearly completed its schedule and will play its first game on January 10 with the W. U. P. Any school team can get games. Address, H. S. Gamble, 518 Sandusky street, Allegheny, Pa.

UNCLE ANSON TELLS OF BASEBALL STOCKS.

Says He Doesn't Get a Cent from Chicago, But That New York Paid Him a Dividend.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 25.—"Pop" Anson, who is visiting in this city, today replied to A. G. Spalding's recent statement that the 130 shares in the Chicago Baseball club owned by Anson were given to him. This Anson denies, and he declared he paid for every dollar's worth of stock which he owns. Anson then continues:

"During the presidency of Messrs. Hulbert and Spalding the club paid very handsomely and dividends were regularly declared, ranging from 20 to 80 per cent. Since 1891 no dividends whatever have been declared upon the stock of the Chicago club. Since then the books of the company show that the club has done a fairly profitable business, and has made from $10,000 to $30,000 each year, which has been permitted to accumulate in the club treasury. This amount is now being carried in the club treasury.

"The Chicago club is owned and controlled by Messrs. A. G. Spalding and John R. Walsh, the latter being Mr. Spalding's banker. The stock of the club consists of 1,000 shares, owned as follows: A. G. Spalding, 320; John R. Walsh, 320; A. C. Anson, 130; W. R. Brown, brother-in-law of A. G. Spalding, and J. W. Spalding, 130. Of the remaining 100 shares Mr. J. A. Hart has, since I severed my connection with the club, acquired 83. The remaining 17 are scattered. I am a stockholder in the New York club also to the extent of $5,000.

"As a comparison between the earning power of the two clubs, I wish to say that during the later years of which Mr. Andrew Freedman has been president of the New York club I have received one dividend of 5 per cent, one dividend of 6 per cnt, and one dividend of 10 per cent on stock which was supposed to be worthless, and a club declared by all to be a loser, and this, be it known, on a capitalization of $250,000.

"With reference to Spalding's present position in the baseball war, I think it is untenable, but this is a legal matter, and we shall soon have expert opinion thereon."

BASKETBALL'S FUTURE AT STAKE

TOMORROW'S GAME WITH YALE WILL BE DECIDING POINT.

If the Attendance Is Large Enough the Garden People Will Fix Up the Amphitheater, Otherwise All Games Will Be Called Off.

The biggest game of the basketball season so far, to be played tomorrow night, means much more to the Western Pennsylvania Basketball league than a contest between one of the greatest colleges of the country and the D. C. & A. C. team, which has so long held the local championship. There are persistent rumors that the future of the gymnasium game at Duquesne garden hangs upon the results attending the game, not as to the score, but as to the number of people attending.

The league of six clubs has so far not proven the attraction that was anticipated, and as a continuance at the Duquesne amphitheater will require a change in wiring for the electric lighting at a considerable expense, the fate of the basket and ball sport is hanging in the balance, it is said, while tomorrow's contest may swing it one way or another. Every effort is being made to boom the game and the ardent supporters are certain a large turnout will demonstrate the popularity of the game.

Those who have the greatest confidence in the sport point to the earlier start this season than ever before and claim that the real season has not yet opened. The sport is popular in the large cities of the east and should be here. It is felt, however, that a four-club league and but two contests a week would be more successful than a six, with the three, as at present.

At a meeting of the league to take action on the situation various schemes were considered but none decided on. One manager proposed that it was up to two clubs to drop out, naming Allegheny, Pittsburgh and Carnegie Steel as the leading candidates for the honor. This was strenuously objected to by the teams designated and another manager proposed that all the players of the league be pooled and a new make-up of the teams brought about, so that closeness and interest be added to the contests.

As there is no reason why a sport so popular in the east should not draw large crowds here, where there is such a strong sporting element following good sports, it is to be hoped the breakers will be cleared by the league. Certain it is the sport has not had a fair trial this season so far.

D. C. & A. C. WON.

Interesting Game of Basketball Was Played at Butler Yesterday.

BUTLER, PA., Dec. 25.—The annual basketball contest between the champion D. C. & A. C. of Pittsburgh and the Y. M. C. A. team of this place drew the largest audience ever seen at the game here tonight. The game was fiercely contested but a remarkably clean one, and the visitors admitted that they had gone against the hardest proposition of the season. Butler was outclassed, but that every man played the game was evident from the fact that Duquesne was held down to 22 points for the first time this season. The star performers in tonight's game were Nickel, John Seibel and Moore for Duquesne and Turner and Campbell for Butler. Score and line-up:

D. C. & A. C.—22.	Position.	Butler—13.
Rosser	R. F.	Turner
Moore	L. F.	Campbell
Nickel	Center	Young
Kallock	L. G.	Brown
J. Seibel	R. G.	Metzgar

Goals from field—Rosser 2, Nickel 2, Seibel 3, Moore, Marthens, Campbell 3, Turner. Goals from foul—Rosser 4, Turner 5. Referee—Little. Subs, second half—Marthens for Kallock.

At Grove City this afternoon Duquesne defeated the college team easily, though the students have an excellent line-up that, with practice, will make a formidable rival for basketball honors. The best playing by the college was done by Campbell and Defrance, and Rosser and Marthens did the star work for Duquesne. Score and line-up:

D. C. & A. C.—44.	Position.	Grove City—23.
Rosser	R. F.	White
L. Seibel, J. Seibel	L. F.	Uber, Defrance
Kallock, Saner	Center	Campbell, Defrance
Orth, L. Seibel	L. G.	Klingler
J. Seibel, Marbens	R. G.	McClelland, Camp

Field goals—Rosser 5, L. Seibel 7, J. Seibel 6, Saner, Kallock Orth, Campbell 7, Defrance 2, Klingler and White. Foul goals—Rosser 2, Campbell 1. Fouls committed—By Grove City 7, by Duquesne 8.

Detroit Wants Bill Lange.

DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The Detroit magnates are dickering with Bill Lange, who formerly played in the Chicago outfield. Lange is now in California. Should Detroit secure him he will probably play first base for the Tigers. Dick Harley's contract is expected tomorrow.

Ex-Champion Corbett Waits on Poor Children

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Ex-Champion James J. Corbett acted as head waiter at a dinner given to 500 poor children by the Salvation army. He ushered the youngsters to their seats and then went about the room shaking hands with them and wishing them a merry Christmas. When he missed one urchin now and then he was hailed lustily: "Come here, Jim, I want to shake hands with you." He made the children a speech and then hurried away to appear in a matinee which had been postponed that he might attend the dinner.

EDDIE KENNEDY WAS KNOCKED OUT

ALLEGHENY FIGHTER PUT TO SLEEP IN THE FOURTH ROUND.

Had a Good Chance to Win, but Failed to Follow Up His Advantage—The Battle Was Fast, and Was a Slugging Match.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 25.—This afternoon Larry Temple, the New York welterweight, defeated Eddie Kennedy of Pittsburgh in the fourth round of what was to have been a 10-round go at the Abbey Athletic club. The fight was the fastest ever seen in this city, and both men showed up in fine form. From the very start it was evident that the fight could not go the limit, as the men went at each other hammer and tongs, and both men took an awful beating.

At one time Kennedy had a chance to win, and then he did not seem to grasp the situation and take advantage of it. It was in the third round, when Kennedy rushed Temple all around the ring and science was thrown to the winds and they went to slugging. Kennedy landed a stiff blow on the jaw and brought blood and dazed Temple and he staggered around the ring. A blow would have settled him, but Kennedy did not follow him up, and was content to lay back for wind until the round was over. When the gong sounded Temple went at his man like a whirlwind and won his fight then and there.

The Pittsburgh lad seemed completely surprised at his rushes, and in a moment he was lying on the floor. He got up, and from that time on it was Temple's fight, although he had to take an awful beating before he could knock his man out.

Eddie Jennings of Washington and Will Burke of New York furnished the preliminary. The bout went six rounds, and Jennings got the decision after both were well used up. They were both scientific, but neither was able to land a knockout blow. Bud Lally refereed both bouts.

HUNTERS MUST BE CAREFUL.

West Virginians Agitating the Passage of a Law That Will Lessen the Number of Accidents.

KEYSER, W. VA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Frank Strother, aged 20 years, son of John Strother, a wealthy farmer of Medley, Grant county, while hunting in the mountains near his home yesterday, accidentally discharged his gun, a Winchester rifle of large caliber, and almost severed the left arm from the body. Dr. West was summoned from here last night by the local physician at Medley to assist in amputating the member.

So numerous have hunting accidents been, both to hunters and unsuspecting citizens who happen to be passing through the mountains, that prominent sportsmen and others are agitating the passage of a law, modeled after that of Maine, making the killing of anyone by a hunter punishable by a fine of $500 or $1,000 or a proportionate period of imprisonment.

Hunters who for many years have scoured the West Virginia woods in quest of wild game declare that with proper precaution on the part of hunters accidents of this nature would become rare occurrences, both to hunters themselves and to others whose lives they place in jeopardy by the careless handling of firearms. In this section this season's sport has resulted in the death of one man who was mistaken by his hunting companion for a bear and of two men whose companions made the fatal blunder of mistaking them for wild turkeys.

FOUND DEAD ON THE TRACK.

Unknown Man With a Receipt From a Pittsburgh Firm in His Pocket Buried by the Poor.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The body of an unknown man, in a terribly mutilated condition, was found at daylight this morning lying on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad tracks between this city and New Castle Junction. There was little to identify him, as the face and the greater portion of the head were missing.

The stranger had worn a black suit and appeared to be between 30 and 35 years of age. He was of medium height. In his pocket were a 32-caliber revolver, with two empty chambers, 85 cents in money, a pocket knife with one large blade and a receipt issued by Dyson & Co. of Pittsburgh on September 11 to James Frango for payment of a book purchased.

Lying in a bloody pool some distance from the body was another receipt, or rather weigh bill, issued on the 19th of this month by Joseph Levin of Moravia street, this city. Levin stated today that the weigh bill had been issued to James Frank, who lives in Gardner avenue. No such man was known at the address given and the body was buried this afternoon at Mahoningtown by the poor authorities.

WON BOTH GAMES.

Pittsburgh Champions in Fine Shape for Yale.

The champion D. C. & A. C. basketball team had a very lively time of it yesterday playing two games. In the afternoon the red and black played at Grove City and won the game by a score of 44 to 23 and in the evening met the Butler Y. M. C. A. team at Butler and won by a score of 42 to 13. Manager McFadyean reports his players in fine shape to meet the Yale team tomorrow night.

Charley Kuhns Signs With Watkins.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—President Watkins of the Indianapolis baseball club announced today that he had signed Charles B. Kuhns of Freeport, Pa., general utility player. He finished last season with the Hartford nine.

THREE RECORDS WERE LOWERED AT NEW ORLEANS

The Going Was Very Speedy and Great Crowd Watched the Runners.

ARNOLD WON HANDICAP

It Was a Great Race, With Imp. Mint Sauce Setting the Pace, but Jockey Winkfield Landed the Favorite at the Front.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 25.—The Crescent City Jockey club's Christmas card was worthy of the great crowd that swarmed through the gates this afternoon. Nellie Waddell, who galloped away with the first race, hung up a new track record for 5 furlongs—1:00½. Nitrate, who got the verdict by a short head in the second, reduced the track record for a mile and 20 yards to 1:41. The race of the day was the Christmas handicap, worth $1,800 to the winner. George Arnold, the favorite in the betting, went to the post at 8 to 5 strongly supported. Imp. Mint Sauce and Henry Bert, both at 4s, were the only others fancied. Mint Sauce made all the running with George Arnold second. A head separated the pair as they turned into the stretch. Coming down the straight Mint Sauce was crowded into the inner rail and in a hard drive Winkfield landed Arnold winner by a neck in 1:39, another new record for the track. O'Hagen was the only beaten favorite.

First race, 5 furlongs—Nellie Waddell, 101, Blake, 3 to 5, won; Little Jack Horner, 111, Cochran, 12 to 1, second; Rival Dare, 103, Coburn, 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:00½. Myrtle Van, Imp. Albula, The Bronze Demon, Choice and Lucinda B. ran.

Second race, mile and 20 yards, handicap—Nitrate, 103, Coburn, 7 to 5, won; Piedrich, 96, Cochran, 9 to 2, second; Andes, 108, Dominick, 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:41. Res Eda, B. G. Fox and Strangest ran.

Third race, steeplechase handicap, short course—Bristol, 154, Penn, 11 to 5, won; Falella, 132, McHugh, 9 to 2, second; Golden Link, 143, J. Weber, 11 to 5, third. Time, 3:08¾. Corillo, Harve B., Cicily, Thorncap and Jim Taylor ran.

Fourth race, the Christmas handicap, mile—George Arnold, 123, J. Winkfield, 8 to 5, won; Imp. Mint Sauce, 116, T. Walsh, 4 to 1, second; Tayon, 110, Dominick, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:39. Henry Bert, Tom Kingsley, Petit Maitre and Lennep ran.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs—Amigari, 94, A. Waser, 7 to 1, won; Kaloma, 106, H. Robertson, 5 to 1, second; O'Hagen, 110, Dominick, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:13½. Dr. Hart, Serpent, Digby Bell, Quixada and Postillion ran.

Sixth race, mile, selling—Frank M., 94, Cochran, 2 to 1, won; Mr. Phinizy, 103, J. Miller, 12 to 1, second; Eva Rice, 104, Davisson, 13 to 5, third. Time, 1:40¾. Dorothy Lee, Radford, Dramburg, Miss Soak, Rebel Jack, Bombshell and Toka ran.

Entries for Thursday:

First race, mile, selling—Prairie Dog, 100; Junaetta, Hop Scotch, Azua, 106; Crilon, Lilian Reed, 107; Fair American, Bombshell, Precursor, 108.

Second race, 5 furlongs, selling—Loysa, Buzz, The Mormon, Pretorius, Normaz, The Boston, 95; Postillion, 98; Kaloma, Pyrrho, Balm of Gilead, 103; Siphon, 107; Dolce Far Niente, 110.

Third race, 6 furlongs, all ages—Monte Himyar, 98; Sister Kate II., Ida Penzance, Clara David, Easter Time, Fickle Saint, 96; Olemka, 98; Flying Eagle, Quite Right, 102; Brightie B., 104; Velma Clark, 103; Fleuron, 101.

Fourth race, 7 furlongs, handicap—Choice, 90; Johnnie McCartey, Ecome, 93; If You Dare, 95; Uterp, 98; Semicolon, 101; Alard, 103.

Fifth, mile, selling—Papa Harry, Laureatea, Alex, Meggs, 105; Prince Real, Myth, 107; Moroni, 108; Campus, 114.

Sixth race, mile and 70 yards, selling—Dr. Carrick, Little Henry, 96; Balloon, Zack Phelps, Lauras First, Frank Johnson, 98; Shut Up, Life Line, 101; Lady Chorister, Deloraine, Pirates Queen, 113; Monos, 108.

ONE BIG SURPRISE.

Christmas Handicap at Oakland Won by Rank Outsider.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—The Christmas handicap feature of the card at Oakland resulted in a complete upset, Rio Shannon, a 12 to 1 shot, winning handily from Vesuvian and Watercure. A field of nine went to the post for the event, which was valued at $3,000. The hurdle handicap was marred by accidents in which the favorites suffered. Lord Chesterfield was left at the post and at the second jump Phil Archibald, who was coupled with Ranjer as favorite, fell. Peters escaped injury. Rio Chico refused, leaving four to finish. Lloyd, who rode Lord Chesterfield, was suspended.

First race, 11-16 mile, selling—Parizade, 109, Mounce, 8 to 1, won; Royal Rogue, 103, O'Connor, 6 to 1, second; Flourish, 107, Bullman, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:08. Snowberry, Dulcimer, Legal Maxim, Dandy, Matin Bell, Tyranus, Porous and Sir Claus also ran.

Second race, 13-16 mile, selling—Wyoming, 109, J. Woods, 2 to 1, won; Orleans, 104, Buchanan, 6 to 1, second; Hungarian, 109, Mounce, 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:20½. Mission, Midnight Chimes, Gibraltar, King Dellis and Osmond also ran.

Third race, 1⅝ mile, hurdle handicap—Sam Green, 125, Evans, 15 to 1, won; Distance, 126, Harrison, 15 to 1, second; Romany, 125, Cairns, 8 to 1, third. Time, 2:37½. Rainer, **Rio Chico, *Lord Chesterfield and *Phil Archibald also ran. **Refused. *Fell.

Fourth race, 1¼ mile, Christmas handicap—Rio Shannon, 95, L. Jackson, 12 to 1, won; Vesuvian, 119, Bullman, 6 to 1, second; *Watercure, 128, J. Woods, even, third. Time, 2:06. Greyfield, *Autolight, *Janice, Icicle, Rosormond and Brutal also ran. *Coupled, Morris entry.

Fifth race, ¾ mile, handicap—Magi, 108, Hoar, 6 to 1, won; Sister Jeanie, 110, O'Connor, 8 to 5, second; Escalante, 116, Spencer, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:14½. Landseer and Redan also ran.

Sixth race, mile, selling—Cougar, 113, Bullman, 2½ to 1, won; Bragg, 87, Knapp, 10 to 1, second; Larry Wilt, 87, L. Jackson, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:31½. Free Lance, Castake, Morelia, Bellarce, Courtier, Mithridates, Baldo, Prestano and Dawson also ran.

Entries for tomorrow:

First race, 4½ furlongs, selling, two-year-olds—Buzzer, Rosy Cross, Flattered, Eastersnell, Lorilla, Tibs, Cathello, Prudence, Knockings, Sherling Towers, Mateoro, Melaspina, 108.

Second race, 6 furlongs, selling—Rose of Hilo, McNamara, Afghan, Bagdad, Ulloa, Koenig, 109; Ural, 104; Aprodis, Graylette, Helen Smith, Billy Lyons, William Boyer, Tola, 104.

Third race, 6 furlongs, selling—San Luttion, St Phillipina, Ish Tar, 102; Heinault, The Giver, 108; Winneccok, Phyllis, 101; Whiskers, Lapidus, 104.

Fourth race, 1¼ miles, selling—Dr. Bernays, Ulum, Artilla, Elmido, 101; Morinel, Windward, 104; Compass, 92; Diomed, 107.

Fifth race, 5 furlongs, handicap—Doublet, 120; Homestead, Byron Rose, 108; Tower of Candles, 95; Botany, 105; Josie G, 109.

Sixth race, 7 furlongs, selling—Loyal S., Grafter, David S., Rollick, 109; Cougar, Marshall Neil, 112.

WON BY WESTINGHOUSE.

Defeated Homestead Association Team on a Field of Mud.

The Westinghouse A. C. of East Pittsburgh defeated the association football team of the Homestead Library Athletic club yesterday in a finely contested game at Steel Works park, Homestead, by a score of 2 to 1. The game, owing to the thaw, was played in a pond of mud and slush and was hard work. East Pittsburgh proved to be a trifle better in forward work, which accounts for the victory, Homestead being weakened some by several players being unable to get in the game. The largest crowd that has ever witnessed an association game at Homestead attended. The line-up:

Homestead—1.		East Pittsburgh—2.
Cline	Goal	McStay
T. Chambers	Full back	McCann
G. Chambers	Full back	Lafferty
Haley	Left half	Mulligan
Creighton	Center half	Gormley
Hopkins	Left half	Davies
Oliver	Left wing	Gillespie
Brickie	Left wing	McAtee
Clark	Center	Ferguson
Boots	Right wing	Clark
Wood	Right wing	H. McCann

Referee—Thompson.

THE GAZETTE'S CABLE FEATURES

BELLIGERENT CUBANS STONE GEN. GOMEZ

The Old Warrior Meets With Rough Treatment in His Stumping Tour.

AMERICAN SEAMEN FETED

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

HAVANA, Dec. 25.—According to telegrams printed in Senor Estrada Palma's official organs, Gen. Gomez is faring badly on his political tour in favor of Palma. In the Puerto Principe province his meetings have been broken up, he having been greeted with shouts of "traitor," and stones have been thrown at him. Gen. Gomez is mounted upon the same horse he used during the war and is accompanied by a band and a number of veterans. The Maso feeling is running strong in Puerto Principe.

The Nacion says Gomez is paid by the government to stump the country. He is met with that accusation on every hand. Maso's followers have withdrawn every one of their candidates and the feeling at some points is bitter.

A banquet was given to the officers of the United States fleet today by the Cuban veterans. It was a grand demonstration of gratitude on the part of the Cubans toward the American navy. Gen. Carlos Garcia presided. Gov. Gen. Wood, in proposing a toast to the future republic, said that when the fleet came again it would find a stable government in Cuba.

Rear Admiral Higginson thanked the Cubans for their grand outpouring of hospitality and said the presence of the fleet had no special significance and certainly no political one. It was a source of satisfaction to him, he declared, that the navy had been an important factor in bringing about peace in the island.

Capt. McCalla paid a high tribute to Gen. Garcia, who had co-operated with him at Santiago, and to the Cubans for their courage and fortitude during the war.

KAISER HAD NINE TREES.

German Imperial Family Observe Christmas Eve in New Palace.

BERLIN, Dec. 25.—The imperial family celebrated Christmas eve in their new palace at Potsdam. All the kaiser's children were present except Prince Adelbert, who is in the Mediterannean.

Nine Christmas trees of graduated sizes were placed in the muschelsaal, the largest being the emperor's. At 5 o'clock an enormous cake of gingerbread was presented to the kaiser by a deputation of the First foot guards.

Coronation Naval Review.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Standard hears that an important feature of the coronation ceremonies will be a naval review at Spithead on an unprecedentedly large scale, to which foreign warships will be invited.

French Publicist Dead.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Jacques Francois Henri Fouquier, the publicist and former member of the chamber of deputies, is dead. He was born September 1, 1838.

NO JUNKET PARTY AT THE CORONATION

The Congressional Delegation Could Not Be Provided With Room.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

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LONDON, Dec. 25.—A Central News dispatch informs Americans here that Mr. Cullom is introducing a bill in the senate providing for a congressional delegation of twelve to attend King Edward's coronation as representative of the United States.

The absurdity of this proposition is very plain here. Such a delegation would be a source of unspeakable embarrassment to the court.

The earl marshal, the duke of Norfolk, cannot now find places for those subjects of the king and the ambassadors who have a right to appear at all ceremonies. What would he do with a junketing party of twelve thrust so unexpectedly upon his hands?

GERMANY YIELDS.

Russia's Uncompromising Attitude on Tariff Question Compels Concessions.

BERLIN, Dec. 25.—The government, yielding to Russia's uncompromising attitude regarding the tariff bill, will propose, when the committee having the matter in charge meets, that the minimum grain duties be stricken out. These minimum duties were put in through the influence of the agrarians who desired to fix a limit under which concessions could not be made in the commercial treaty negotiations.

The elisions leave the ministry free to meet the views of Russia respecting grain and hay. Thus far it has not made any representations concerning the tariff, being advised to wait until it was seen in what form the measure would be apt to pass.

WILLIAM'S BOUNTY.

Emperor of Germany Doubles His Usual Subscriptions to Charitable Funds.

BERLIN, Dec. 25.—Emperor William, while walking in the environs of Potsdam yesterday tossed several three and four mark pieces to poor looking persons whom he passed.

The emperor's Christmas bounty is never limited, but this year he has doubled his usual subscriptions to charitable funds.

Pope Celebrates Mass.

ROME, Dec. 25.—The pope celebrated midnight mass at the vatican last night and assisted at two other masses. The health of his holiness has improved and he will resume diplomatic audiences tomorrow.

Queen Alexandra Recovering.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Queen Alexandra is making excellent progress toward recovery but will not be able to be out for a few days.

BURGHERS WILL ASSIST THE ENGLISH

Kitchener Is Now Forming a Corps to Fight the Boers.

WON RECENT VICTORIES

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

PRETORIA, Dec. 25.—The formation of a new burgher corps to be known as national scouts has aroused great interest among the surrendered burghers. In view of numerous meetings and applications, Gen. Lord Kitchener has authorized the creation of fresh wings to operate in the southern and eastern Transvaal under prominent Boer leaders elected by the burghers themselves.

It is stated that much of the recent success of the British is due to the cooperation of Cellier's and Cronje's commands, acting under Gen. Bruce Hamilton.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—According to a dispatch from Cairo to the Daily Telegraph Cecil Rhodes does not contemplate a permanent residence at Dalham hall, nor the establishing of racing stables. Mr. Rhodes, it is said, purchased the estate so that he might have an agreeable residence on his occasional visits to England.

YANKEE TOYS IN PARIS.

Generous Americans at Paris Remember Their Young Countrymen.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The weather today was fine and the boulevards were thronged all day long by animated crowds of promenaders visiting the toy fair.

American children in Paris were benefited by the kindliness of Mr. and Mrs. Michael De Young of San Francisco, who gave a fete this afternoon in their apartments at the Continental hotel. An immense Christmas tree laden with glittering toys had been erected in one of the rooms. United States Ambassador Porter and Mrs. Porter and Consul General Gowdy and Mrs. Gowdy were present at the distribution of gifts, and a constant stream of children left the hotel carrying armfuls of toys which Mr. and Mrs. De Young had brought specially from America.

NEW IRISH LAND BILL.

Makes Provision for Purchase of Land by Tenants.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Daily News gives it as a rumor that the government is preparing an Irish land bill providing an equivalent to compulsory purchase.

It is believed that the measure provides that the tenant may buy at 17 and the land lord sell at 20 years' purchase, the state providing the payment of the three years' difference.

Quarreled Over Cards.

CADIZ, O., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—In a quarrel over a game of cards last night John McFadden and Fred Lyons beat John Smith, colored, over the head with a poker. Smith will likely die.

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORING TOWNS

WANT TO FORM A NEW COUNTY AT ONCE

SAY TAXES WILL BE LESS

Citizens of Monessen, Charleroi and Donora Are Talking It Over.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 25.—The new county scheme that created quite an uproar in Westmoreland, Fayette and Washington counties four years ago, is to be given another boost. In the thrifty manufacturing towns of Monessen, Donora, Charleroi and other rich and populous districts in Westmoreland and Washington, some agitation is going on, and it is said the promoters, principally leading men of the localities, are greatly encouraged by a strong sentiment that has sprung up in favor of a new county during the past ten days.

One argument advanced by the promoters is that the county seats of the three counties are too remote from the new and busy manufacturing towns. The secret of the new agitation is said to be the fact that Westmoreland is building an $800,000 court house and that the people are to contribute heavily to a new building they want nearer to them.

That is the complaint of the Westmoreland contingent. Over in Washington they think that the route is too long to reach the new court house and that the taxes are higher than they would be if they had a county seat of their own. Fayette would not be very seriously affected. A patriotic individual over at Monessen has already named the county after President McKinley.

ENGINEER KILLED HIMSELF.

Became Despondent Because He Had No Work and Drank Two Ounces of Carbolic Acid.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—John W. Cracer, a Baltimore & Ohio railroad engineer, committed suicide at the Baltimore house here tonight. Cracer was laid off about a month ago and during his idle time he had become despondent.

This evening after going to his room he drank two ounces of carbolic acid and locked the door. When he did not appear for the evening meal several attendants went to his room to call him. They found the door locked and a strong odor of carbolic acid in the hall. Suspecting that he had committed suicide they broke in the door. Cracer was lying on the floor with his face and mouth burned in a terrible manner. He was dead when found.

Cracer was about 30 years old and was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who are looking after his body at this place. He leaves a wife and two children in South Cumberland, Md.

KILLED IN FAMILY QUARREL.

Pottstown Man Attempted to Shoot His Sons and Lost His Life in the Ensuing Fight.

POTTSTOWN, PA., Dec. 25.—Henry Kramer, aged 62 years, was accidentally shot and killed in the parlor of his home here today after a dispute with his sons, Henry A. Kramer and Fred Kramer.

The sons had just arrived from their homes in New York city to spend Christmas with their parents, when a discussion relating to a family matter arose. A remark made by one of the young men enraged the father. He rushed into the parlor, seized a double barrel gun, loaded with large shot, and cocked both barrels.

The sons grappled with their parent for possession of the weapon. In the struggle both barrels were accidentally discharged and the loads entered the father's right breast at close range. The fight continued for a few minutes until the father fell dead.

DOG AND CAT HAD GIFTS FOR MISTRESS

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Trixie is a little woolly poodle dog and Fittsie is only a playful kitten, but there was not a handsomer Christmas tree in Parkersburg today than the one Mrs. C. B. Bluebaugh gave to these two little animals.

Presents of every kind were provided for them. On the tree was a tailor-made suit which Trixie had given to Mrs. Bluebaugh, and a silver-handled umbrella which was her gift from Fittsie. Gold collars were given by Fittsie to Trixie, while Trixie gave a little tinkling silver bell to Fittsie. A hundred children were invited to see the animals' Christmas tree and both the doggie and the kittie gave each of them a present.

SANTA CLAUS WAS SEVERELY BURNED

False Whiskers Caught Fire from a Lighted Candle on Christmas Tree.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

SHARON, PA., Dec. 25.—Cyrus Lyons, a farmer of Pymatuning township, Mercer county, was terribly burned about the face and hands last night while playing the part of Santa Claus in a country school. He wore a long, flowing beard of some inflammable material. While picking gifts from a Christmas tree and distributing them among the children his whiskers caught fire from a lighted candle and blazed furiously. Before he could tear the false beard off his face and hands were almost cooked. He is said to be in a serious condition.

ALTOONA, PA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The Yuletide season was commenced here by the Christmas holiday being generally observed. In most of the church specially arranged programs were carried out. Gifts in particular were never more generously given in the history of the city.

ALLIANCE, O., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Christmas was a notable day for the Sullivan family of this city. For the first time in 18 years John Sullivan and wife, together with their six daughters, two sons, four sons-in-law and 13 grandchildren, ate dinner together. Another feature of the affair was the fact that December 25 is the birthday of both Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, he being 66 and she 65 years of age.

MONEY FOR WIDOWS.

A Pittsburgh Business Man Distributes Money in Provincetown.

PROVINCETOWN, MASS., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Durbin Horne of the firm of Joseph Horne & Co., Pittsburgh, dispensed today unexpected Christmas delight to the poor widows of this place. Mr. Horne forwarded a check to his firm's agent here, directing that it be immediately cashed and distributed to the desolate widows of Provincetown.

John Banks Rich, who sailed the Horne yacht Bohemian on its last summer's cruise, was the disbursing agent. The sums given varied in amount from $5 to $10, and scores of needy women are thanking the generosity of the wealthy Pittsburgher.

Man Held Up and Beaten.

NILES, O., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—A party of well-known young men at Girard held up John Gillespie, who was driving to his home at Mineral Ridge, about 3 o'clock this morning. They were intoxicated and took the buggy whip and beat Gillespie and his horse unmercifully. Mayor Crum has issued warrants for their arrest.

COULD NOT TESTIFY AGAINST EACH OTHER

WERE WORKING SUNDAY

But One of Pennsylvania's Blue Laws Could Not Be Enforced.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 25.—The local Pennsylvania lines employes, who were arrested for working on the Sabbath, under the old blue laws of Pennsylvania, won their case in a preliminary hearing before Alderman Joseph H. Gilliand of this city. The charges were made by J. R. Cinderby, a brakeman, who was discharged from the employ of the railroad some time ago.

He secured the arrest of all the crews and trainmen that have been working in the local yards on Sunday. Some pleaded guilty and some paid fines, while others decided to contest the case and gave bail for a hearing.

They were cleared in a peculiar manner. The plaintiff had depended on securing all the testimony from the railroad men themselves. Col. O. L. Jackson, the local counsel of the Pennsylvania railroad, objected to this, as the men could thus be made to testify against themselves, they being defendants on similar charges. Alderman Gilland upheld this and all the railroad men were discharged.

COUPLE STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

Were Returning From a Christmas Eve Dance When an Engine Hit Them Without Warning.

CORRY, PA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Driving home from a dance early this morning Earl Spencer, aged 20, and Lulu Muncy, aged 18, were struck on a crossing just north of this city by a rapidly moving south-bound Pennsylvania passenger train.

The victims were tossed high in the air and probably fatally injured. They were brought to the Corry hospital. It is said the train gave no warning of its approach.

BUTLER GIRL MARRIED.

Several Allegheny People Were Present at the Christmas Wedding.

BUTLER, PA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Miss Angie Thompson, daughter of ex-Prothonotary Robert J. Thompson of this city, and Edward J. Roberts of Chicago, were married this evening at the home of the bride's parents on North Main street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. S. White of the Methodist Episcopal church in the presence of about 30 guests, who were relatives and personal friends of the bride.

The bride was attired in a white gown and carried a bouquet of brides' roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Thompson, and the groom's best man was Prof. R. V. Stratton of this place. The ceremony was followed by a wedding supper. The Allegheny guests present were Miss Lillie Forquer, Dr. H. G. Means and Dr. J. W. P. Rodenbaugh.

Two Men Instantly Killed.

ALLENTOWN, PA., Dec. 25.—A Lehigh Valley express train from New York struck and instantly killed two workingmen tonight at Geissingers station.

SOME FOOLISH PEOPLE

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it will wear them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c and 50c. Trial size free. At all druggists.

near here. The men were strangers in this vicinity and nothing was found on their persons by which they could be identified.

SMALLPOX CAUSES CHANGE.

The Methodist Conference Will Meet at Bellefonte, Which Was Selected as a Third Choice.

BELLEFONTE, PA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The next annual gathering of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held in Bellefonte, beginning March 26. The conference this year was to have been held at Shamokin, but owing to the prevalence of smallpox there Sunbury was then selected, but lately smallpox has made its appearance there also, and Bellefonte was asked if it could entertain the conference.

At a meeting of the church board last night it was definitely decided to do so. The bishop who will preside at the March conference is Dr. John M. Walden of Cincinnati. This will be the third time within 16 years that Bellefonte will have entertained the conference, it having met here in 1886 and 1893.

This year's conference will be one of unusual interest, owing to the fact that there will be five ministers up for trial, among them being the Rev. Dr. Smallon, whose case will be the leading one.

CROOK WANTED A HOLIDAY.

Man Said to Be From Pittsburgh Makes a Desperate Effort to Break Jail.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—An attempted jail delivery was frustrated by Deputy Sheriff Sam McMasters this evening. He had taken a bucket of hot water to a sick prisoner and when he opened the corridor door James McCann, a Pittsburgh crook in jail for burglary, jumped at him and shoved the door open after it was slammed shut.

McMasters shook loose from McCann, who next grabbed the deputy in the mouth with his hand, tearing his cheek open by the clutch. Hearing Sheriff Porter coming in answer to the deputy's call for help McCann went inside the corridor, taking the key and locking the door. He was forced to open the door at the point of a revolver, when he said: "I lost; I was trying to make it for Christmas."

Other work in the attempt at breaking jail was discovered tonight. A hole was found sawed nearly through the bars and eight saws were found in the cells. McCann has been locked up to prevent injury to the other prisoners, whom he has sworn to get even with because they did not stay with him in the fight with the deputy as they had promised to.

DIED ON HIS WAY HOME.

Aged Farmer Bought His Christmas Gifts, but Expired Before He Distributed Them.

BELLEFONTE, PA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—After completing his purchase of Christmas presents for his family Andrew McKinney, a 90-year-old farmer of Benner township, left Bellefonte late last evening to drive to his home, five miles distant.

His daughter saw the team come to a halt at the gate. Her father making no move, she went out to investigate, only to find the aged man sitting in the seat, the lines in his hands, already cold in death. McKinney had evidently died of heart failure soon after leaving Bellefonte and his team continued their way home unguided.

HEADQUARTERS CHANGED.

Pittsburgh & Western Division Superintendent Will Go to New Castle.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—It is just announced here that the division headquarters of the Pittsburgh & Western will be removed from Allegheny to this city at the first of the year.

Supt. H. O. Dunkle of the New Castle division will locate here with his clerical force, occupying rooms in the new Pittsburgh & Western passenger station in South Mill street. This is in line with the general reorganization of the Pittsburgh & Western road.

Cured—32 Years of Awful Pile Agony.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 18, 1901.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF WORK IS CELEBRATED

The Rev. Fathers Otten and Williams Were Given Ovations.

SEPARATE CEREMONIES

Priests Entered College at Same Time and Were Ordained on Same Day—Are Cousins and Have Been Rectors at St. Mary's, Sharpsburg.

The 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Father John Otten into the priesthood was celebrated yesterday in the school hall of St. Mary's church, Sharpsburg. The ceremonies began at 3:30 o'clock and were given over to the children of the school. Drills and orations were made by the school children, after which they presented their pastor with many beautiful presents. At the close of the exercises Father Otten was escorted to the parochial residence, where the grounds were illuminated with electric lights and Japanese lanterns. An informal supper followed. The priests present and taking part in the ceremonies were the Rev. Fathers T. R. Griffith of Millvale, Myers of Emsworth, Breese and Eichmann of Sharpsburg. The ceremony will be concluded today.

At Emsworth yesterday the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Father John Williams was also celebrated. Mass was celebrated in the morning, after which Father Williams received the congratulations of his friends and many handsome presents.

Fathers Otten and Williams entered a college of the Order of the Holy Ghost in France at the same time and were ordained on December 23, 1876, in the cathedral at Paris by Monsignor de Lonnoy. For 10 years Father Otten preached in Germany and then came to this country and engaged in missionary work. Father Williams, a cousin of Father Otten, was a rector of St. Mary's church, but is now a director of the Holy Infant's society.

FOUR WHITE MEN HURT IN RIOT WITH NEGROES

Children in Harlem Start a Christmas Fight Which Results Seriously.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A race skirmish between whites and blacks in Harlem today developed serious proportions and kept the police busy for a time. The negroes, 100 strong, were armed with revolvers and clubs, while equally as many whites used stones as weapons. The negroes had the advantage, but were driven back into their tenements by the police after they had charged on the whites with pistols and razors. Fourteen negroes were arrested. Four whites, including a policeman, were badly shot or cut.

The rioting began when some white boys stoned two colored girls, whereupon a dozen negroes seized the white boys and beat them. The boys, when released, told their story to white men in the vicinity and an organized attack was made on the negroes, who were driven back to their tenements under a shower of stones. The confusion increased when the white men began to bombard the tenements with stones and other missiles and the negroes fired from their windows into the crowd. The whites, surprised by the shooting and seeing men fall wounded, turned and ran, followed by the negroes, who used knives and clubs freely.

At this point a squad of policemen arrived on the scene and with drawn clubs stopped the rioting, chasing the negroes into their houses.

ONE DANGER PASSED.

Gen. Alger's Physicians Issue Hopeful Bulletin on His Condition.

DETROIT, Dec. 25.—Tonight Dr. C. G. Jennings, who is attending Gen. R. A. Alger, said to the Associated Press:

"You may announce that Gen. Alger has safely passed the first and most critical stage after the operation that was performed on him last Sunday. Of course, there will be a possibility of dangerous developments for at least another week, but we do not expect any."

The bulletin on the general's condition issued tonight says: "Gen. Alger passed a very comfortable day. He has had no fever, his pulse has ranged from 68 to 72 throughout the day. He will be given liquid nourishment by the stomach tonight for the first time. It will be a solution of egg albumen."

For the first time since the operation all the family were today admitted to Gen. Alger's room. The general was very bright and cheerful throughout the day and was ambitious to do more and see more people than his physicians would permit.

BOY KILLS FATHER.

Shot Him With Pistol While Defending Mother From Danger of Death.

BRAZIL, IND., Dec. 25.—In defending his mother from an assault by her drink-crazed husband, Theodore Watkins, colored, aged 18 years, shot and killed his father tonight at their home here. Richard Watkins came home and began abusing his family. He picked up a hatchet and started after his wife, saying he was going to kill her, and attempted to strike her on the head. Theodore seized a revolver, which he fired at his father. The bullet took effect near the heart and death resulted soon.

Young Watkins surrendered himself to the police. The boy says he shot his father to keep him from killing his mother, but that he did not intend to kill his father. He insists he was justified in the shooting.

EIGHT MEN DROWNED.

Schooner Eliza H. Parkhurst Supposed to Have Foundered With All on Board.

GLOUCESTER, MASS., Dec. 25.—Eight men are believed to have lost their lives in the probable foundering of the schooner Eliza H. Parkhurst of this port, which was posted today by its owners as missing.

The Parkhurst, commanded by Capt. John D. McKinnon, sailed for the Bay of Islands, Newfoundland, November 24, for this port with a crew of six men and one passenger, Lawrence McDonald of this city. The boat carried a cargo of herring. A gale sprang up November 25 and in it the Parkhurst is believed to have foundered.

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FOR RENT—18 minutes from Fifth and Wood st. to these new brick houses of 4 rooms, kitchen and attic. All conveniences on Clarissa st., near Herron ave. 1126h

FOR RENT.

East End Residences.

FOR RENT—Rent $37.50, Queen Anne frame containing reception hall and ten rooms; all conveniences, and porches, large lot; situate No. 6724 Simen ave., Point Breeze, near Fifth ave. railroad station and electric lines. Inquire of W. J. Beckfield, room 22 No. 12 Federal st., Allegheny. 1225wxzlc

FOR RENT—New four room brick houses with large attic, kitchen, bath, h. and c. water, laundry, hardwood and slate mantels, front porches, etc., only $20. Clarissa st., near East Herron. Four car lines within 5 minutes. 1126h

SEND for a complete list of East End houses. J. W. SHERRER, 107 Sheridan ave. 125h

Allegheny Residences.

FOR RENT—McClure ave., Allegheny, frame dwelling, 7 rooms; bath, natural gas, etc.; $25 per month.
GAULT & GIFFEN,
316 Fourth ave. 1226xzg

Flats.

FOR RENT—Centrally located in a desirable part of the East End, a five-story building with apartments of one and two rooms, and bath. Barber shop, billiard, dining and reception rooms, steam heat and electric light plants, building finished throughout in marble and hardwood. For full particulars see S. H. LLOYD, 6016 Penn ave., E. E., Pittsburgh. 1214hb

Business Properties.

FOR RENT.
Nice, large storeroom, 19x40; good cellar and 5 dwelling rooms; bath, gases, good location, on front street in district where 300 new houses are being built.
SAMUEL W. BLACK & CO.,
318 Fourth ave.
Branch office, 4862 Second ave.,
Hazelwood, opposite Flowers ave.
1214h

Farms.

FOR RENT—150 acre farm, 28 miles out Pennsylvania railroad, ½ mile from station and town; springs and running stream through it; used as dairy farm for city trade 5 years; large population all around. C. L. McCutcheon, 312 Wood st. 1225h

FOR RENT—12-acre garden farm, near City View school; rent $22.50. Voegtly, Robinson road, Allegheny. 1222pvxlc

FOR SALE.

City and Suburban Residences.

FOR SALE—
A VERY NICE WILKINSBURG HOME,
in fine location, contiguous to electric cars; reception hall, 9 fine rooms, attic room, bath, lavatory, furnace, etc.; piazza spans entire front; large lot; parklet in front. A bargain to prompt purchaser.
JAS. W. DRAPE & CO.,
425 Fourth ave. 1225g

FOR SALE—
$250 TO $500 DOWN.
Wilkinsburg house—A nice 7-room brick; attic, bath, commode, laundry, etc.; large lot. Owner is a non-resident, and will sell low on monthly or half-yearly payments.
JAS. W. DRAPE & CO.,
425 Fourth ave. 1225g

LIST YOUR PROPERTIES,
For rent or for sale, with us, and be assured of prompt and up-to-date dealing
PRUDENTIAL TRUST CO.,
Penn and Centre aves., East End.
1105vxzh

FOR SALE.
$1,800—Lot 72x200; 4-room dwelling and stables; good well and water; Turtle Creek, Pa.
W. A. BRYANS,
45 Penn ave., Turtle Creek. 618vxzh

FOR SALE—45 acres, new 8-room house; large orchard; adjoining the booming town of Monaca. Price $2,800. Address A. J. Lloyd, Rochester, Pa. 1221sc

East End Residences.

FOR SALE—
A BEAUTIFUL EAST END RESIDENCE,
in most exceptional and attractive location; 12 spacious and luxurious rooms, and replete in every particular with the most modern appointments. Double lot, side and rear entrance. Owner contemplates going east, and is prepared to sell at less than value on very moderate payments. Will take a mortgage at 5 4-10% on ¾ the price. Immediate possession.
JAS. W. DRAPE & CO.,
425 Fourth ave. 1225g

FOR SALE—Only $6,000—
A chance to buy a comfortable home.
Well and centrally located, cheap.
Cor. lot, 30x112 ft.; first-class house,
9 rooms, front and back stairs; well improved; Alder st., near Highland ave. East End. See W. A. HERRON & SONS,
1221zxvl 327-329 Fourth ave.

FOR SALE—East End, Evaline st., 12% investment property, in good condition; owner leaving city; wants to sell quickly. Price $5,500.
W. A. HERRON & SONS,
1221lzxal 327-329 Fourth ave.

FOR SALE—Shetland ave.—Frame of 8 rooms, bathroom, hall with front and rear entrance; gas for light and heat; cabinet mantel, tile hearth, chandeliers; cellar under whole house, with good stable in rear on alley, and porch; asphalt-stone walk; $700 down, $3,700. GEORGE KEISLINK, 6013 Penn ave., E. E. 1226jc

FOR SALE—Frame house, 4 rooms and hall; hall room, pantry, w. c.; good fence; gas grates in all rooms; $500 down, 4 years balance, $1,600; or exchange for 6-room house in Nineteenth ward or good lot. George Keisling, 6013 Penn, E. E. Lot 20x100. 1226jc

SEND for my rent list of East End houses. F. A. Van Gorder, 6212 Penn ave. Tel. 301. 21h

Allegheny Residences.

FOR SALE—
ON SMALL PAYMENTS.
Two Allegheny dwellings, near the parks and electric cars; elegant location; 7 rooms and bath, lavatory, etc., in the front dwelling; 4 rooms, in the one in the rear. Title perfect. Will sell on monthly or quarterly payments.
JAS. W. DRAPE & CO.,
425 Fourth ave. 1225g

FOR SALE—
ON ARCH ST., ALLEGHENY.
Near Boggs & Buhl's and Stockton ave., a 9-room brick dwelling; bath, lavatory, laundry, etc.; everything in fine condition; 15 minutes' walk from Pittsburgh.
JAS. W. DRAPE & CO.,
425 Fourth ave. 1225g

Real Estate—Special.

NOTICE—LANDLORDS—WE SERVE
January quit notices free of charge.
REAL ESTATE AND RENTING.
Wanted—Mortgage Securities.
W. F. WEITERSHAUSEN,
717 Ohio st., Allegheny.
Both 'phones 76 North.
1225g

Lands and Acreage.

FOR SALE—We have desirable farms in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, and quite a large number of fine residence properties in this city and vicinity; easy terms; full particulars on application.
T. J. BURKE & CO., 431 Fourth ave.
1225g

For Sale or Exchange.

IF you wish to buy, sell, exchange or rent real estate or secure mortgages, see us. If we do not accomplish what you desire there will be no charge of any kind.
1225g T. J. BURKE & CO., 431 Fourth ave.

Business Opportunities.

BUSINESS of all kinds sold, partners secured for established business, stock companies organized and industrial enterprises financed, all business strictly confidential. Highest reference. 126h CAVANAGH & CO., 516 Wood st.

BUSINESS—If you have a store or business of any kind you wish sold quickly, without publicity, or want a partner or capital for any legitimate enterprise, call on us. 1225g T. J. BURKE & CO., 431 Fourth ave.

FLOUR MILL—Located in one of the best wheat districts in Ohio; equipped with all modern machinery; capacity 50 barrels a day; owner retiring, and will sell at sacrifice; price $4,500. 1226j CAVANAGH CO., 426 Fourth ave.

FOR SALE—A large general store in a town of 200 people; no competition; splendid opportunity for the right man. William W. Wilson, New Brighton, Pa. 1222puxl

GROCERY—In Allegheny, centrally located; doing cash business of $300 week; must be sold this week on account of death; price $900. 1226j CAVANAGH CO., 426 Fourth ave.

IF you want to buy or sell any kind of business see CAVANAGH CO., 426 Fourth ave. 726h

BUSINESS CHANCES—Send for list. Estep & Co., 326 Fourth ave. 712jr

Machinery.

ALWAYS IN STOCK.
Boilers of all types and sizes.
3—66"x16'
2—60"x18'
8—60"x16'
2—54"x12'
Vertical and Portable Boilers. All sizes.
Atwell Machinery Company,
Offices, 507 and 508 Hamilton Bldg.
Long distance 'phone 1838 Grant 1213h

TRANTER-DAVISON MFG. CO.,
Machinists and Manufacturers.
Shafting, hangers, iron and wood split pulleys, syphons, injectors, pipe and fittings, and specialties in iron and brass; boilers, engines, pumps, machinery and supplies. Agents for WARREN GAS ENGINES.
105 Water st. 104 First ave.

FOR SALE.

Machinery.

FOR SALE—
SECOND-HAND MACHINERY
IN FIRST-CLASS CONDITION.
1 20x3 Water Tool Grinder.
1 Warner & Swasey Reamer Grinder.
1 14" Double Grinder Head.
1 12" Single Grinder Head.
1 Double Buffing Head.
1 850-lb. Drop Hammer, Board Lift.
1 100-lb. Drop Hammer, Belt Lift.
1 15" Hendey Shaper.
1 20" Lever Drill.
1 25" Upright Drill, Back Geared.
1 Horizontal Boring and Drilling Machine.
1 Heavy Post Drill.
1 No. 5 Sturtevant Pressure Blower.
1 No. 6 Sturtevant Monogram Blower.
Shafting, Pulleys, Hangers, Etc.
U. BAIRD MACHINERY CO.,
Warehouse, 123-125 Water st.,
Liberty ave., nr. 25th st. 124-126 1st ave.
1224h

FOUNDRY EQUIPMENT.
1 7-ton Cupola.
1 8,000-lb. Elevator.
1 No. 10 Aland Blower.
1 4½-ton Ladle.
2 1-ton Ladles.
1 5-ton Crane.
1 Iron Building, 36x132'.
Will be sold separately or entire.
WICKES BROS.,
45th st. and A. V. R. R.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Phones—Bell 243 Fisk; P. & A., 191 Lawrence.
1222h

A COUPLE OF
OIL WELL DRILLING ENGINES.
One 10x12" Woods valve gear.
One 9x12" drilling engine.
Also gas and gasoline engines of various size and capacity, new and second hand, at low prices.
CARLIN MACHINERY & SUPPLY CO.,
Lacock and Sandusky sts., Allegheny, Pa.
All 'Phones 233 North.
1224vxzh

FOR SALE—Boilers and engines; large stock of all sizes, from 3 to 150 h. p.; one 20x30 engine, one 18x36, two 12x16, and large variety of smaller sizes, both horizontal and upright; large lot of tubular, 2-flue, portable and upright boilers; shafting, pulleys, hangers, couplings, and lot of miscellaneous machinery; good second-hand belting leather, rubber and cloth at half price. J. S. YOUNG, 1129h 108-110 Park way, Allegheny, Pa.

Pianos.

PLAY WHILE YOU PAY.
Of Interest to Piano Purchasers.
A home is not complete without its piano, and when you can buy a piano, and a good one, at an outlay of $2 per week, why be without one? We offer your choice of fifty elegant upright pianos, fully warranted for six years, with fine cover and stool, on payments of $2 per week or $8 per month; upright pianos $125 up; in fact, our $125 piano is better than many so-called $450 advertised instruments; don't take our word for it, but compare and you will agree with us in the claim that this value cannot possibly be duplicated elsewhere; come to us for your Christmas piano; we will please you. Hoffmann's Music House, 537 Smithfield st. 1210h

FOR SALE—$475 upright piano, largest size, 7 1-3 octave; best make; latest improvements; condition good as new, piano cover, stool, book, sheet music, 10-years guarantee; all $150. 711 North Euclid ave., East End, Pittsburgh. 1215h

A MAGNIFICENT Hardman upright piano, most expensive style of case, in excellent condition; only $195; cost when new $475; a rare bargain. Look at this piano at Hoffmann's Music House, 537 Smithfield st. 1210h

A PAYMENT of $2 per week buys a piano at Hoffmann's Music House, 537 Smithfield st. Uprights, $125.
HOFFMANN'S, 537 Smithfield. 1210h

Birds and Dogs.

JUST received, first lot of St. Andreasburg Roller Canaries. These are the finest singing canaries in the world, months of constant training being given to bring them to the desired degree of perfection. Also a new lot of Hartz Mountain Canaries; $2.00 each; guaranteed singers. Cages from 50c upward. Send for catalogue. New York Bird Store, 615 Smithfield st. 1120h

NEW lot of fine goldfish just received; 10c each, 3 for 25c; fish globes from 15c upward. Water plants, gravel, shells, food, everything required to fit up aquarium. Free circular on "The Aquarium," how to keep fish. NEW YORK BIRD STORE, 615 Smithfield st. 1104h

GOLDFINCHES, linnets, bulfinches, larks and all kinds of European song birds; fine mocking birds and large variety of talking parrots. Every bird guaranteed. Come and see them; no trouble to show stock. Free catalogue. New York Bird Store, 615 Smithfield st. 1120h

THERE is nothing nicer for a Christmas present than a good canary and cage. Birds selected now will be held until Christmas. New York Bird Store, 615 Smithfield st. 1120h

Farms.

A SPLENDID farm of 135 acres, 20 miles out of Pittsburgh, on P. & W. R. R., 1½ miles from station and town of 600 inhabitants; well watered, excellent fruit and very fine buildings; will be sold at a bargain. Address Box 790, Butler, Pa. 1226a

Horses and Vehicles.

N. C. DAVISON,
Equipment of electric light and power plants, gas and steam engines, boilers, pumps, compressors. 108 Market st. 1115jr

YOUR druggist can get SWEET CASTOR for you. 820h

Bar Fixtures.

AT lowest prices for cash or time; make your own terms; bar fixtures, work boards, pump, billiard tables, safes, etc. S. Delps Sons, corner Fourth and Liberty sts. 830xzvr

Miscellaneous.

FOR SALE—50 misfit carpets.
To be sold cheap.
Ingrain, Brussels and Velvets.
Allegheny Carpet and Feather Renovating Co.,
823 Pennsylvania ave. 126h

SORE, tired feet fitted in comfortably-fitting, honestly made shoes, in all kinds of leathers, at reasonable prices, by 1019hb CAIN, 503 Market st.

ENGINEERS appreciate our non-slipping, as near waterproof as can be made, and not stiff soled, high-laced boots. Easy as a slipper. 1019hb AT CAIN'S, 503 Market st.

LETTER HEADS, circulars, letters, bill heads, etc., printed as they should be by H. C. Knapp, 3521 Butler st. Both 'phones. 1016h

IF you want good painting done, go to a painter who knows his business. 1023h P. J. BYRNE, 634 Fifth ave.

GRINDSTONES—All sizes and grits. William Kirby, 300 First ave. 33h

NOT only babies, but mothers prefer SWEET CASTOR. 820h

NO trouble when SWEET CASTOR is used. 10 cents. 820h

REWARD.

Electric Plating.
Metal Patterns.
Model Making.
Light Machine Work.
COOKE PLATING WORKS,
110 Sandusky st.,
Allegheny, Pa. 99hb

SWEET CASTOR!
Acts like Castor Oil.
Looks like Castor Oil.
Same dose as Castor Oil.
Same price as Castor Oil.
But it TASTES DIFFERENT! 821h

LOST—Feathers Renovated.
Old ticks laundered.
Beds made into pillows.
Allegheny Carpet and Feather Renovating Co.,
823 Pennsylvania ave. 126h

REWARD—H. C. Knapp, the Printer, because he's the best. 3521 Butler st.; both 'phones. 1016h

IF you need castor oil, use SWEET CASTOR. 820h

DANCING ACADEMIES.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION
Better than a pound of cure.
Before the sun and weather cracks, warps or ruins woodwork, or starts the mortar to run from brick work, have them painted.
BYRNE, 634 Fifth ave. 1017h

TO get old and new carpets cheap,
You must get to the right place.
Allegheny Carpet and Feather Renovating Co.,
Near Irwin, 823 Pennsylvania ave.
P. & A. 'Phone 863 North. 126h

BRAUN'S DANCING ACADEMY,
Sixth and Liberty sts. Tel. 1551.
Classes for new beginners now forming.
Ten Lessons Three Dollars.
1107h

MEDICAL.

Cleaning. Dyeing.
SIMPSON CLEANING & DYEING CO.,
614 Penn Ave.
Repairing. Pressing.
1213h

SWEET CASTOR, pure castor oil; price 10 cts.; all druggists. 820h

NO trouble for babies to take SWEET CASTOR. 820h

MAMMA, give your child what? Only SWEET CASTOR. 820h

STOLEN.

STOLEN—As others say: Knapp does the best printing. 3521 Butler st. Both 'phones. 1019h

SWEET CASTOR will not gripe. It contains aromatics. 820h

PERSONAL.

PERSONAL—
HEART TO HEART TALKS.
My Dear Father Pitt:
There has been too much saving at the spigot and wasting at the bung hole; too much littleness and not enough public spirit shown; can you think of any better way of helping the city than by keeping up a good appearance, making our city attractive to strangers and ourselves to ourselves? No man should have a dingy looking house when painting is done so reasonable as here.
P. J. BYRNE,
1017h. 634 Fifth ave.

PERSONAL—Do you know that your old tableware, locks, hinges, brass beds can be repaired, replated or refinished and laquered in a first-class manner at
COOKE PLATING WORKS,
110 Sandusky st., Allegheny. 99hb

PERSONAL—Allegheny Carpet & Feather Renovating Co.,
823 Pennsylvania ave.,
Can sell you carpets cheap.
We have misfit carpets.
And have second-hand carpets. 126h

PERSONAL—If you are looking for a small house and small rent, with large house conveniences, see those new bricks on Clarissa st., near Herron park. $20 houses with $40 conveniences. 1126h

PERSONAL—Stenographers, join speed class at the Reno Shorthand School, Sixth and Smithfield. Graham's Reporting Style thoroughly taught. Sessions daily, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. 1029h

PERSONAL—Let us clean your carpets.
We can do them best.
We have good machinery.
Allegheny Carpet and Feather Renovating Co.,
823 Pennsylvania ave. 126h

PERSONAL—Now is the time to have your fall clothing cleaned and fixed up. We are experts in this line of work.
SIMPSON CLEANING & DYEING CO.,
614 Penn ave. 1016h

Cleaning. Dyeing.
SIMPSON CLEANING & DYEING Co.
614 Penn Ave.
Repairing. Pressing.
1213h

PERSONAL—Allen's Rug Works, 5905 and 5907 Center ave., E. E., can weave your old carpets into fine rugs and druggets; send for circular. 1110pvxh

PERSONAL—When you need printing, call up Bell 'phone 81 Fisk, or P. & A. 81 Lawrence, and get H. C. Knapp's prices on good work. 1016h

PERSONAL—Business cards printed properly. H. C. Knapp, 3521 Butler st., Both' phones. 1016h

EDUCATED people who need an income, address Proofreader, Box 519, Philadelphia. 1012h

SWEET CASTOR is not a substitute, but pure castor oil made pleasant. 820h

NOT necessary to hold the nose when giving SWEET CASTOR. 820h

SAVES night walks for papa. SWEET CASTOR. 820h

ONLY pure castor oil used in SWEET CASTOR. 820h

FOUND.

FOUND—We will repair and replate old tableware, brass stands, lamps, brass beds, bronzes, etc., etc.; giving them a finish almost equal to new; a postal, and we will call.
COOKE PLATING WORKS,
110 Sandusky st., Allegheny. 99hb

FOUND—Carpets.
Lifted, cleaned, scoured,
Refitted, sewed and relaid.
CAMERON & BORN,
Ohio and Sandusky sts., Allegheny.
126h

"RICH YOUR APPAREL
as the purse can buy."
Keep your house well dressed, too; that's important.
BYRNE, 634 Fifth ave. 1017h

Cleaning. Dyeing.
SIMPSON CLEANING & DYEING CO.,
614 Penn Ave.
Repairing. Pressing.
1213h

FOUND—The White Sewing Machine Co. will adjust and clean any make of sewing machine for $1. Send postal or 'phone White Sewing Machine Co., 122 Sixth st. 128h

FOUND—There is a right and wrong way. Mr. P. J. Byrne of 634 Fifth ave., tries to paint the right way. Give him a trial. You'll never regret it. 1017h

FOUND—I can rent a White sewing machine for 75 cents a week. Send postal or telephone White Sewing Machine Co., 122 Sixth st. 128h

FOUND—Printing executed exactly correct by H. C. Knapp, 3521 Butler st. Both 'phones. Commercial printing our specialty. 1016h

FOUND—Those cute five room houses with all conveniences on Clarissa st., near East Herron. See them. 126h

NO need for father's help to give SWEET CASTOR. 820h

SAME effect produced by sweet castor. 10 cents. 820h

THE only genuine SWEET CASTOR. Morris', 10 cents. 820h

LOST.

LOST—Time and money with badly printed cards, went to H. C. Knapp, the printer, and got satisfaction. He's the best printer in town. Find him at 3521 Butler st. Both 'phones. 1016h

Cleaning. Dyeing.
SIMPSON CLEANING & DYEING CO.
614 Penn Ave.
Repairing. Pressing.
1215h

CALL up 383 North, both 'phones.
Get prices on renovating.
Feathers, mattresses and carpets.
All orders given prompt attention. 126h

ROOM FOR ONE MORE.
Usually there's not, but at this season, if you want good painting done, send for BYRNE, the painter, 634 Fifth ave. 1017h

LOST—At Union depot, Tuesday evening, pair lady's gold spectacles; reward if returned to John Small or Charles Steel, mail clerks, Union depot. 1226jc

LOST—An opportunity if you fail to see three convenient small brick houses on Clarissa st., near Herron park. 126h

LOST—The chance to get good painting done if you fail to get P. J. BYRNE, the painter, to give you an estimate. 634 Fifth ave. 1017h

MAMMA can sleep when baby takes SWEET CASTOR. 820h

FOR adults as well as children: SWEET CASTOR. 820h

SPECIAL.

DON'T lay on a hard mattress.
Have it made over.
We send it back like new.
Allegheny Carpet and Feather Renovating Co.,
823 Pennsylvania ave. 126h

DELAYS ARE DANGEROUS.
This is a great truth when said of painting. Paint your house now, the best season of the year. Send for BYRNE, 634 Fifth ave. 1017h

GO away back and sit down. That's what the incompetent painter must do. When you've painting to do send for P. J. BYRNE, 634 Fifth ave. 1017h

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SEE H. C. KNAPP, 3521 BUTLER ST., for those programs and tickets you want printed. 1016h

IF it's good printing you want, see Knapp, 3521 Butler st. Both 'phones. 1016h

SAVES trouble with the children, SWEET CASTOR. 820h

DIVIDENDS.

CHRISTMAS DIVIDEND.
Farmers Deposit National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Dec. 21, 1901.
THE directors of this bank have this day declared a Christmas dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENTUM on the capital stock, out of the earnings of the year, payable forthwith, free of tax, to stockholders of record of this date. Checks mailed.
T. H. GIVEN, President.

The Arsenal Bank,
of Pittsburgh.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 19, 1902.
DIVIDEND—The directors of this bank have this day declared a dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENTUM on the capital stock, out of the earnings of the last six months, payable January 2, 1902.
1225sb JOHN GRINE, Cashier.

ELECTIONS.

Second National Bank of Pittsburgh,
United States Depositary,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 14, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve during the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Liberty ave. and Ninth st., on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12:30 and 1 p. m. THOMAS W. WELSH, JR.,
1216gdb Cashier.

Exchange National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 12, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of The Exchange National Bank of Pittsburgh will be held at the banking house, No. 240 Fifth ave., on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 m and 1 p. m.
1215gnb A. LONG, Cashier.

Merchants and Manufacturers National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January the 14th, 1902, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
1212gtb W. A. SHAW, Cashier.

ELECTIONS.

First National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 14, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Wood st. and Fifth ave., Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m. The shareholders will be requested to vote at the meeting so called on an amendment to Section 8 of the articles of association, in regard to the election of directors.
1214gnb F. H. SKELDING, Cashier.

Pittsburgh National Bank of Commerce,
Corner of Sixth Ave. and Wood st.,
Pittsburgh, Dec. 13, 1901.
THE annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, for the purpose of electing directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m., at the banking house, corner Sixth ave. and Wood st.
1216gnb A. C. KNOX, Cashier.

The Arsenal Bank,
of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1901.
The annual election of twelve directors to serve this bank for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, Forty-third and Butler streets, on Wednesday, January 8, 1902, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m. JOHN GRINE,
1211leb Cashier.

The Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh,
245-247 Fourth ave.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 16, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this company, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the company, Nos. 245-247 Fourth avenue, Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 m. W. T. HOWE,
1217gnb Secretary-Treasurer.

The Bank of Secured Savings,
Allegheny, Pa., December 26, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 1429 Beaver avenue, Allegheny, Pa., on Monday, January 6, 1902, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
1126 G. C. GERWIG, Cashier.

Tradesmens National Bank,
United States Depositary.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock p. m.
H. M. LANDIS, Cashier.
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 11, 1901.
1212gs

Farmers Deposit National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 220 Fourth avenue, on Tuesday, January the 14th, 1902, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 12:30 o'clock p. m.
1211leb J. W. FLEMING, Cashier.

Western Savings & Deposit Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 12, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock p. m.
H. C. WETTENGEL,
1213gtb Cashier.

Diamond National Bank of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 12, 1901.
ELECTION—An election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner of Fifth ave. and Union st., on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock p. m. G. W. CRAWFORD,
1212gtb Cashier.

Pennsylvania National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 12, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Penn ave. and Butler st., on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 noon. R. M. DAVIS,
1213gnb Cashier.

First National Bank of Birmingham,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for seven directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 1201 Carson st., Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock p. m. DANIEL BEECH,
1215gtb Cashier.

The National Bank of Western Pennsylvania,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 12, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Penn avenue and Ninth street, on Tuesday, January 14, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m. GEORGE S. MACRUM,
1218gtb Cashier.

Monongahela National Bank,
Sixth ave. and Wood st.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 14, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, corner of Wood st. and Sixth ave., on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m.
1221gtb JOHN D. FRASER, Cashier.

Mechanics National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 13, 1901.
ELECTION—An election for nine (9) directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, Nos. 229-233 Fourth ave., on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock. SAMUEL C. APPLEGATE,
1214gnb Cashier.

Third National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 14, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, Nos. 326 and 328 Wood st., on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 p. m. OGDEN RUSSELL, Cashier.
1217gnb

Ft. Pitt National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 11, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 m.
A. W. HERRON,
1212gtb Cashier.

Metropolitan National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 13, 1901.
NOTICE—An election for nine directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Forty-third and Butler streets, Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
1215gtb GEO. SEBRICK, Cashier.

Iron City National Bank of Pittsburgh,
No. 232 Fourth ave.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 12, 1901.
ELECTION—An election for thirteen directors to serve during the ensuing year will be held at the bank, Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 and 1 p. m.
1213gtb CHAS. E. LINDSAY, Cashier.

Allegheny National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 16, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election of directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, 239 Fifth ave., on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 m.
1219ggb W. MONTGOMERY, Cashier.

The Peoples National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 13, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 409 Wood st., on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p. m. ROBERT WARDROP,
1213gtb Cashier.

ELECTION—The annual election for officers of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of McCandless township will be held at the house of Fred Gangloff, in said township, on Monday, January 6, 1902, between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock p. m. By order of board.
1221sbo R. GUYTON, Secretary.

The Lincoln National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 14, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for nine directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, 320 Smithfield st., Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m.
1216gdb W. R. CHRISTIAN, Cashier.

Commercial National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 14, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 313 and 315 Fourth ave., on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.
1216gdb H. W. BICKEL, Cashier.

German National Bank,
Allegheny, Pa., December 14, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 709 Ohio st., on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 o'clock p. m.
1214gsb ALBERT HELM, Cashier.

The First National Bank of Allegheny,
Dec. 14, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors for the ensuing year will be held at the bank Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between 11 and 12 a. m. E. R. KRAMER,
1214gsb Cashier.

Columbia National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 13, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for nine directors to serve this bank for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m.
1214gsb T. A. GRIFFIN, Cashier.

Workingmans Savings Bank & Trust Co.,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 12, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 785 Ohio st., on Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock p. m.
1216gdb JOHN L. BUERKLE, Cashier.

The German National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 14, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for nine directors to serve this bank for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 o'clock p. m.
1216gdb W. W. RAMSEY, Cashier.

Liberty National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa.,
Dec. 11, 1901.
ELECTION—The annual election for nine directors to serve this bank for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 6201 Penn ave., Tuesday, January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock p. m.
H. H. WOODS, Cashier.
1212gn

First National Bank of Verona, Pa.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house at Verona, Pa., on January 14 at 2:30 p. m.
1218ggb W. E. BARGAR, Cashier.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

W. G. Crawford, Attorney-at-Law, Masder building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

In the court of common pleas No. 2, for the county of Allegheny, state of Pennsylvania, No. 629, January term, 1902. In the matter of the petition of George B. Forsythe for the satisfaction of a mortgage. To Neville B. Craig and Robert Baldwin, their heirs or representatives, or others who may be interested in said mortgage: You are hereby notified that on Saturday, December 7, 1901, the petition of George B. Forsythe was presented to said court, setting forth:

First: That your petitioner is the owner in fee of all that certain lot or piece of land situate in Robinson township, county of Allegheny and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stone in the middle of the Steubenville turnpike at the corner of land late of Rody Patterson, deceased; thence by said turnpike road S. 86¾ degrees, W. 11.7 perches, to a stone; thence by other lands of the late Rody Patterson, N. 5¼ degrees, E. 4 perches, to the middle of Chartiers creek; thence up said creek by the middle thereof, S. 77¼ degrees, E. 12.43 perches, to the line of other lands of the late Rody Patterson; thence by the same, S. 14¼ degrees, W. 4 perches, to an elm tree, and thence S. 14¼ degrees, W. 8.8 perches, to a stone at the place of beginning. Containing one acre and fourteen (14) perches.

Second: That your petitioner acquired said premises by deed from C. E. McConnell and S. M. McConnell, on September 16, 1901, and which deed was duly recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds in and for the county of Allegheny in Deed Book, Vol 1127, page 162. The said C. E. McConnell and S. M. McConnell acquired title to the said premises by deed from Henry Lehman and Harry E. Lehman, by sheriff's sale, bearing date August 16, 1901, and duly recorded in the prothonotary's office of Allegheny county in sheriff's deed book, Vol 8, page 229, court of common pleas No. 3.

The said Henry Lehman acquired title to said premises by deed from Matilda Scully, bearing date April 1, 1894, and duly recorded in said recorder's office in deed book, Vol. 823, page 275.

The said Matilda Scully acquired title to said premises through descent from her mother, Mrs. Alice Scully, and by a quit claim deed from her father, Wm. J. Scully, bearing date March 7, 1888, and duly recorded in said office in deed book, Vol. 443, page 324.

The said Mrs. Alice Scully and William J. Scully acquired title to said premises by deed from Rody Patterson, bearing date May 20, 1873, and duly recorded in said office in deed book, Vol. 317, page 304.

The said Rody Patterson acquired title to said premises by deed from Mary B. Davis, administratrix of James H. Davis, deceased, bearing date July 17, 1858, and duly recorded in the said recorder's office in deed book, Vol. 140, page 28. Said sale being made for the purpose of paying debts of said decedent, by order of orphans' court of Allegheny county.

Third: That on the 29th day of October, 1844, James H. Davis, the then owner of said premises, made, executed and delivered to Neville B. Craig and Robert Baldwin, a certain mortgage in the sum of $6,000.00, payable as follows: $1,000.00 January 1, 1850; $1,000.00 January 1, 1851; $1,000.00 January 1, 1852; $1,000.00 January 1, 1853; $1,000.00 January 1, 1854; $1,000.00 January 1, 1855, and which was duly recorded in mortgage book, Vol. 16, page 454, and which said mortgage covers the premises above described.

Fourth: Your petitioner has been informed and believes that since the 17th day of July, 1858, the time at which the said premises passed from the estate of the said James H. Davis by sale under order of the orphans' court of Allegheny county for the payment of decedent's debts, to Rody Patterson, and during the time said premises were held by the said Rody Patterson and subsequent owners thereof, no demand was ever made for the payment of any interest upon said mortgage or for the principal thereof, and no such demand has ever been made of your petitioner during his possession of said premises.

Fifth: That it was not until recent negotiations for the sale of said premises were made that your petitioner was advised that said mortgage appeared upon the record unsatisfied.

Sixth: That there has never been any assignment of said mortgage.

Seventh: That the said Neville B. Craig died in the year ——, and the said Robert Baldwin died in the year ——, and notwithstanding your petitioner has made search for the representatives of the said Neville B. Craig and Robert Baldwin, or parties in interest, he has been unable to ascertain if they are alive or dead or who they are, or where located, and notwithstanding he has made or caused to be made diligent search for the said mortgage, it cannot be found. The name or names of the holder or holders of the said mortgage, if any, are unknown to your petitioner.

Eighth: That the period of twenty-one years has elapsed since the principal of said mortgage became due and payable, and no payment has been made within said period of either principal or interest. Wherefore, your petitioner prays your honorable court to order and direct the sheriff of Allegheny county to serve notice, stating the facts set forth in this petition on the known holder or holders of the said mortgage, if to be found in the said county, and whose residence or residences are known, according to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided, and in case the parties are unknown or the parties aforesaid cannot be found in the said county, that then the sheriff shall give public notice as aforesaid, in one or more newspapers published within the said county, once a week for four successive weeks after the presentation of this petition requiring the said parties to appear on the first Monday of January, 1902, according to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided, and to answer this petition and to show cause why satisfaction should not be entered on the record of said mortgage by the recorder of deeds of Allegheny county.

WILLIAM C. M'KINLEY, Sheriff.
December 12, 1901.
1212xa

W. K. JENNINGS, Attorney-at-Law. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania on the 6th day of January, 1902, by J. Charles Sherriff, H. H. Patterson and H. W. Arthur, under the act of assembly entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the 29th day of April, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for a charter of an intended corporation, to be called "American Gas Construction and Manufacturing Company," the character and object of which are the constructing and erecting of gas machines and plants for the manufacture of illuminating and fuel gas, and manufacturing and dealing in all materials and supplies necessary therefor, including patent rights; and for this purpose to have and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and the supplements thereto. W. K. Jennings, solicitor for applicants.
December 12, 1901. 1212xl

W. W. CAMPBELL, Attorney-at-Law, 436 Fourth ave. In the court of common pleas No. 1, Allegheny county, Pa., No. 61 September term, 1901. Katie Jones vs. Samuel O. Jones, libel in divorce a vinculo matrimonii. To Samuel O. Jones, respondent: The subpoena and alias subpoena in the above stated case having been returned non est inventus, you are hereby notified and required to appear in said court of common pleas No. 1, on the first Monday of March, A. D. 1902, to answer the petition and libel filed in said case.
WM. C. M'KINLEY, Sheriff.
1212xa

CHAS. W. DAHLINGER, Attorney-at-Law, No. 513 Fourth ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of John Josenhans, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. W. J. Josenhans, Executor, No. 728 Rebecca st., Allegheny, Pa. 1219xa

CHANTLER, M'GILL & CUNNINGHAM, Attorneys-at-Law. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Eleanor Creigh Miller, deceased, late of Sewickley, Allegheny county, Pa., have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Maude W. Miller, Executrix, Sewickley, Pa. 1128a

M. R. TRAUERMAN, Attorney-at-Law, No. 431 Diamond st., Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of [illegible], deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. American Trust Company of Pittsburgh, administrator, No. 238 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 1212xa

BANKRUPTCY SALE.
The receiver of the Watson Company, bankrupt, will receive private bids on parts or the whole stock of merchandise, corner Market st. and Third ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. Owners of grocery stores, hotels and boarding houses or private persons wishing to buy large quantities will be admitted at above-mentioned place next Monday, December 23.
1220j JUSTUS MULERT, Receiver.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania on January 18, 1902, by Robert E. Heath, T. M. Armstrong, John Bindley, H. P. Fears, John H. Wilson, Otis H. Childs, Wallace H. Rowe, Edwin Bindley, Emil Winter, Willis F. McCook, Howard Heinz, Johns McCleave, W. C. Jutte and William G. Park, under the act of assembly of Pennsylvania, entitled a supplement to an act entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, which supplement was approved May 24, 1887; to be called the Standard Security Trust Company, the character and objects of which are as follows:

"First—To receive and hold on deposit, and in trust and as security, estate, real and personal, including the notes, bonds, obligations of states, individuals, companies and corporations, and the same to purchase, collect, adjust and settle, sell and dispose of, in any manner, without proceeding in law or equity, and for such price and on such terms as may be agreed on between them and the parties contracting with them; provided that nothing herein contained shall authorize said company to engage in the business of banking."

Second—To make insurance for the fidelity of persons holding places of responsibility and of trust, and to receive upon deposit for safe keeping, jewelry, plate, stocks, bonds and valuable property of every description, upon terms as may be agreed upon.

Third—To act as assignee, receiver, guardian, executor, administrator, and to execute trusts of every description, not inconsistent with the laws of this state or of the United States.

Fourth—To act as agents, for the purpose of issuing or countersigning the certificates of stock, bonds or other obligations of any corporation, association, municipality, state or public authority, and to receive and manage any sinking fund thereof on such terms as may be agreed upon.

Fifth—To become sole surety in any case where by law one or more sureties may be required for the faithful performance of any trust or office.

Sixth—To take, receive and hold any and all such pieces of real property as may have been the subject of any insurance made by such company under the powers conferred by its charter, and the same to grant, bargain, sell, convey and dispose of in such manner as it may deem proper.

And for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and the supplements thereto. Willis F. McCook, Solicitor. 1224xl

W. H. STANTON, Attorney-at-Law, No. 414 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. Court of common pleas No. 2, Allegheny county, ss., state of Pennsylvania. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to said court at No. 718 January term, 1902, on Saturday, January 11, 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m., by Armstead Holmes, William A. J. Wheeler, Sterling Ellis, G. W. Bundy, W. C. Curtis, under the act of assembly entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "The Calvary Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the character and object of which is the worship of the Almighty God according to the constitution, faith, forms, government, doctrine, discipline and usages of the Regular Baptist church in the United States of America, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the benefits and privileges of said act of assembly, and supplements thereto. The above application is now on file in the prothonotary's office. W. H. Stanton, solicitor.
1224xl

MEETINGS.

Office of the United Traction Co. of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 18, 1901.
SPECIAL NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.
The board of directors of this company has called a special meeting of its stockholders, to be held at the office of the company, No. 435 Sixth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Monday, December 30, 1901, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of voting for or against the making of a contract between this company and the Wilkinsburg & East Pittsburgh Street Railway Company and the Pitcairn & Wilmerding Street Railway Company; a lease between this company and the Pittsburgh & Birmingham Traction Company, and an operating contract between this company and the Southern Traction Company.
1219ja W. B. CARSON, Secretary.

Aspinwall, Pa., Dec. 21, 1901.
NOTICE to the stockholders of the Pittsburg Organ & Piano Company: The annual meeting of the above-named company will be held at the office of the said company, Aspinwall, Pa., Saturday, January 11, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of a board of directors, and also to vote for or against a proposition to increase the membership of the board of directors from five to nine members. Also for the transaction of any other business properly brought before it.
T. B. WINDSOR, Secretary.
1222ed10j

City Trust Company,
Sixth ave. and Smithfield st.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 23, 1901.
STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING — The annual meeting of the stockholders of the City Trust Company for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, for the adoption of by-laws, and for the transaction of such other business as may be regularly brought before it, will be held at the office of the company, Sixth ave. and Smithfield st., Pittsburgh, Pa., on Monday, January 6, 1902, at 1 o'clock p. m.
1224jc JOHN W. TAYLOR, Secretary.

Duquesne National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 14, 1901.
STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING — The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Duquesne National bank, to elect ten (10) directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 429 Smithfield st., Pittsburgh, Pa., on January 14, 1902, between the hours of 12 o'clock m. and 1 p. m.
A. H. PATTERSON,
1214gsb Cashier.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.
NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership of B. S. Trauerman and I. G. Trauerman, copartners, doing business as B. S. Trauerman & Brother, will be dissolved on December 31, 1901, I. G. Trauerman retiring from said firm. All debts due to said partnership are to be paid to and those due from same will be paid by B. S. Trauerman, who will continue said business under the firm name of B. S. Trauerman & Company.
B. S. TRAUERMAN,
1223ja I. G. TRAUERMAN.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 23, 1901.
NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between A. H. Coe and Walter E. Papenoordt, under the firm name of Coe & Papenoordt, was dissolved December 21, 1901, by mutual consent. Walter E. Papenoordt retiring. All debts due to the said partnership are to be paid and those due from the same discharged at Nos. 206-208 Liberty st., Pittsburgh, Pa., where the business will be continued by the said A. H. Coe.
WALTER E. PAPENOORDT,
1225a A. H. COE.

PROPOSALS.

BONDS FOR SALE.
Sealed bids, marked "Bids for Bonds," will be received until 7:30 o'clock p. m., January 6, 1902, for $100,000 Braddock borough funding and improvement bonds, in denominations of $1,000 each, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per centum, payable semi-annually, bonds dated January 1, 1902, running serially from 1 to 30 years. All bids shall be accompanied by a certified check for $1,000, and addressed to L. L. Todd, Secretary, Braddock, Pennsylvania. The borough council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
L. L. TODD, JOHN BRENNAN,
Secretary. Burgess.
E. F. DUFFY, Solicitor. 1214xva

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WAGE ADVANCE IS PROMISED FOR LOCAL YARDMEN

New Equalization Scheme Will Benefit Many Railroaders.

WORKING OUT DETAILS

Committees of the General Managers' Association Are Busy in Consideration of Wage Scales Paid to Operating Men in Different Sections.

The General Managers' association, comprising the operating heads of the different railroads, is busy working out the details of the plan to equalize the wages paid to the employes of their departments, and as soon as the system can be completed it will be put into operation. This will mean an average increase of at least 5 per cent to the men in this district. The employes who come under the rule are yardmen, conductors, brakemen, engineers, firemen, switchmen and practically all employes outside of the offices.

At a meeting in Chicago the movement was fairly launched, as announced in The Gazette yesterday. The plan was initiated by the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh, because that system, more than any other, shows the inequality existing in parts of the country. The wages paid on the western divisions of the Panhandle and Fort Wayne are much greater than those paid in Pittsburgh.

The announcement added not a little to the Christmas cheer in the thousands of homes of railroad men in this city and vicinity. There are approximately 15,000 railroad employes here who will be affected, and not less than 75,000 persons directly dependent will feel the benefits of the increase.

At the present time the whole plan is in the hands of committees, a number of such bodies having been appointed to take up the various railroad employments affected, ascertain the rates of wages paid throughout the country, determine on what basis the uniform wage shall be and report back to the association.

Speaking of the movement yesterday Col. J. M. Schoonmaker, vice president and general manager of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, said: "There is a general feeling among railroad managements that the heavier work brought upon the operating men recently by the larger trains and great increase in tonnage deserves some recognition in wages, not yet given to the extent merited. Especially is this true of the yardmen. Their work has been much increased, and they have not for several years received any increase at all. The work of determining a fair scale will be completed as soon as possible and the scheme put into effect. It is not an impossibility to make the wages on the various railroads practically uniform, although there are many local conditions that will have to be met."

Back of the new plan lies the great trouble experienced in handling freight during the past five months of freight congestion. This has been felt nowhere more than in the Pittsburgh district. It is thought that the best way to make the men give better service is to make their remuneration greater.

So great has the increased work been that it has been found necessary on all the local roads to create new departments to relieve the superintendents and trainmasters of the extra work. The West Penn has been the last to do so. On that road Charles Hicks, one of the most experienced train dispatchers in the company's service, has been given entire charge of the greatly increased work of handling messages relating to car service.

REPORT ON EDGAR CASE

Master in the Suit Has Completed the Taking of Testimony and Is Preparing His Report.

Attorney William A. Blakley, master in the divorce case of Lottie E. Edgar against George S. Edgar, has finished taking testimony and is now preparing his report to No. 2 court. This is the first case since Judge White promulgated his new rules in which a master has been appointed to sit in a divorce case.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Edgar charged Mr. Edgar with being an habitual drunkard, and the jury unanimously agreed that he was a sober citizen. The domestic troubles of this couple have been in the courts for nearly two years, and the result of the present case is not expected to end the litigation, as an appeal will be taken no matter which way the case terminates.

Mrs. Edgar made the same charges against her husband in her suit for divorce as she did in the habitual drunkard case, and added several others. The famous rules and regulations Mr. Edgar is alleged to have made for the conduct of his better half figured prominently in the testimony, which it has taken fully four weeks to complete.

MURDERED BY THIEVES.

Well-Known Farmer Found Dead With Eleven Shots in His Body.

[illegible]SON, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Peter A. Hallenbeck, a well-known farmer in Columbia county, while alone in his house last night, was shot to death by three unknown men. The men were afterward seen driving toward Catskill station. Eleven shots were fired into Hallenbeck's body. The farmers have lately been annoyed by poultry thieves and it is thought the murder was done by some of them.

Carpenter Kills His Wife.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—John Bell, a carpenter, today shot and killed his wife in the kitchen of their home in Brooklyn. He then hunted up a policeman and confessed his crime, claiming that his wife, who had recently returned from a visit to her parents in Scotland, had been untrue to him.

CITY NOT ALLOWED TO FURNISH WATER

MONONGAHELA COMPANY HAS EXCLUSIVE RIGHT.

Southsiders Will Get No Better Water Unless Corporation Desires to Give It, or City Pays Price Demanded—Cost Will Run Far Over $1,000,000.

The city cannot expect to supply her South Side inhabitants with filtered or unfiltered water until she has purchased the plant of the Monongahela Water Company and has paid the price demanded by the Monongahela company.

This is the view taken by the administration, and is based upon the peculiar terms of the agreement which the city made with the Monongahela company in 1885, the city giving the Monongahela company the exclusive right to supply the South Side for a period of 21 years. At the expiration of 21 years the city must purchase the Monongahela company's system or the contract, as it now exists, is to continue indefinitely.

Councilman John F. Semmelrock of the South Side said yesterday the Monongahela company's plant would cost over $1,000,000. He said he thought that price would be much below the valuation which the Monongahela company would place on its own plant. The president of the Monongahela Water Company has recently stated that the company is willing to sell now if a price can be agreed upon.

Councilman Semmelrock said yesterday that the Monongahela company made a verbal agreement several years ago with Senator Flinn and three South Side councilmen to purchase filtered water from the city and supply it to South Side consumers at the same rates the city would charge.

Recorder J. O. Brown, in his recent communication to the special commission appointed to consider municipal improvements, recommends the purchase of the Monongahela company's plant. The contract of the company with the city will not expire until 1906. The following sections from the City Digest give the contents of the contract of the city with the Monongahela company:

Said Monongahela Water Company shall, for said period of 21 years, continue to supply water for said South Side wards and the inhabitants thereof. At the end of said term of 21 years a board of appraisers shall be appointed in the manner provided for in the charter of said company, and the said city shall have the right to purchase said Monongahela water works, at the appraised value thereof, subject to deduction for any credits in the sinking fund of said company, or otherwise, for its redemption; provided, however, if the city and company shall not, within six months from the expiration of said term, agree upon the terms of payment for said works, then this agreement shall continue until such time as the city shall give one year's notice to said company of her intention to purchase at said valuation, and that she proposes to pay the same in five equal annual installments, with interest from the date of the purchase and the assuming the possession of said works.

STAMP SURRENDERED.

Ticket Forgers Hoped Thereby to Secure Immunity From Prosecution.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 25.—A fraudulent stamp, similar to that used at the Union depot ticket office for the purpose of validating the return portions of railway tickets, has been voluntarily surrendered to George H. Foote, secretary of the Kansas City Passenger association. The stamp was given to Mr. Foote by a local attorney, who said it was turned over to him by a client in this city. This unknown man begged that with its surrender the investigation of recent wholesale frauds in railway tickets, started by H. C. Townsend of St. Louis, general passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific railway, and Mr. Foote, be dropped. The name of the owner of the stamp was not made public.

Mr. Foote says the investigation will be continued and intimates that arrests will follow.

THREE LIVES WERE LOST.

Passengers Are Cremated in Burning Steamboat at Memphis, Tenn.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 25.—The stern wheel steamer Sun, plying between this port and Fulton, Tenn., burned to the water's edge at 5 o'clock today at her moorings at the wharf on the city front. The boat arrived from Fulton about midnight last night with 15 passengers, all of whom were asleep on board when the fire broke out. Of these three are known to be lost, O. Ranar and wife of Old River, Tenn., and Mrs. G. M. Tims of Richardson Landing. Their charred remains have been recovered from the wreck. The three-months-old child of Mrs. Tims is missing. It is believed that all the other persons on board escaped.

The fire originated in a pile of seed cotton on the boiler deck, and probably was started by a spark from the furnace. The boat was valued at $10,000 and was about half insured. The cargo was totally destroyed.

BUILDING STOPPED.

Government Temporarily Suspends Improvements at McAlester, I. T.

GUTHRIE, OKLA., Dec. 25.—Acting on an order received from the secretary of the interior, government officials have stopped all building and improvement operations at McAlester, I. T., until a schedule of values of all property shall have been prepared by the townsite committee.

A former survey schedule was found to be false, and the secretary of the interior has interfered.

MINERS MUST VACATE.

Government Prohibits Staking of Claims on Indian Allotments.

GUTHRIE, OKLA., Dec. 25.—United States Indian Agent Randlett of the Wiowa and Comanche tribes is sending out notice to all persons who have staked mining claims in Indian allotments that they must vacate at once, or they will be ejected from Fort Sill.

The action is based upon the opinion of the attorney general, approved by Secretary Hitchcock, and sent to the agent under recent date, prohibiting miners from filing on Indian allotments.

Little Doing in the Oil Fields

Operations in the lower southwest fields were very generally suspended yesterday in observance of the holiday, consequently the reports were very light and contained nothing of a sensational nature.

On Buffalo run, Wetzel county, the Kanawha Oil Company drilled in its No. 90 on the John Mills tract Tuesday evening and as soon as the drill tapped the stray above the Gordon the well began to flow at the rate of 20 barrels an hour. No. 89 on the same tract was drilled into the Gordon at the same time and has filled up 2,000 feet with fluid. It will make a light producer. On Richwood run the same company has drilled its test well on the Nelson Myers farm through the Big Injun sand and has a duster in that formation. It is now drilling to the Gordon.

In the Meadville district, Tyler county, the American Oil Development and the South Penn Oil Company have completed their No. 9 on the T. D. Mahon farm and have a 10-barrel pumper in the Cow Run sand.

In the Stout district, Doddridge county, the Carter Oil Company has completed its No. 3 on the J. M. Griffin farm and has a 15-barrel pumper in the Gordon.

Some Wildcats.

On Rocky run, Center district, Wetzel county, Jennings Bros. are drilling at 1,600 feet at an important test well on the John Gorby farm. On Whitestone run, Proctor district, R. G. Gillespie is down 2,000 feet with a test well on the George Herrick farm. On the same stream, Meade district, Marshall county, the Tri-State Gas Company is due in the sand at a test well on the M. McKinney farm.

On Big Kent run, Clay district, Ritchie county, Mallory Bros. have a rig up for a test well on the Rich Weekley farm. On Bonds creek, in the same district, unknown parties have a rig up for a test well on the F. M. Hamilton farm.

Local Developments.

In the southern extension to the old Murdocksville field in Washington county, near Burgettstown, Patterson & Riddle have completed their No. 8 on the Patterson farm and have a show for a 50-barrel producer from the 100-foot sand.

At Homeworth, Columbiana county, O., Hue & Cornin have completed No. 4 on the D. W. Thomas farm and have a show for a 10 or 15-barrel pumper.

In the Speechley sand development in Butler county the South Penn Oil Company has drilled in its test well on the Murtland heirs' farm and has a show for a 25-barrel pumper.

South of Butler, Darling & Co. have completed their No. 2 on the Kelly farm and will have a 10 or 15-barrel pumper.

Near Millerstown, Westerman Bros. & Co.'s No. 2 on the Sweeney farm is producing 30 barrels a day from the fourth sand.

PRODUCTION OF PIG IRON OVER 15,000,000 TONS

Ore Production Will Be Over 30,000,000 Tons and All Lines Show Increase.

$18 OFFERED FOR PIG IRON

Demand for Steel Skelp Has Caused Advance, While Wire Rods Sold Lower—Steel Plate Market Is Gradually Strengthening.

Iron and steel production for this year will show a round increase over the past year, which in many lines was not equal to the year before. In ore the production will round out over 30,000,000 tons. Pig iron will run over 15,000,000 tons. Bessemer and open-hearth steel production will probably run over 12,000,000 tons.

Reductions in the output of most of the finishing mills last year, as shown in the delayed statistics of the American Iron and Steel association, are largely accounted for in that the only concern adding to its capacity in that year was the Carnegie interests. Moreover, the shock to the trade arising from the Gates incident threw idle mills which otherwise would have shown a greater production than the year before.

This year has more than made up against the adverse conditions of the year before, many new interests getting their mills started. The only thing that will tend to curtail the increased production for this year is the lack of railroad facilities, which is most troublesome in the Pittsburgh district, and felt at all producing centers.

The increase in iron ore production in 1900 was less than 3,000,000 tons. Bessemer steel production was curtailed nearly 1,000,000 tons, while open-hearth steel production gained a little over 500,000 tons.

Notable Curtailments.

The total production of steel was about 500,000 tons less. Tinplates, wire rods, wire nails, cut nails and even structural material were produced in quantities much less than the year before, while the output of all these mills should have been larger.

At the present time the production in the Pittsburgh district and the Mahoning and Shenango valleys and elsewhere is being sharply curtailed through the car shortage. Many valley furnaces are suspended and the output of all is only about 25 per cent of what the operators would like to have to meet the demand. Many steel mills stand suspended and no relief is promised.

A higher price for pig iron in all lines has been firmly established for the new year. The concerns of the United States Steel Corporation have finally placed their orders for deliveries during the first quarter, amounting to nearly 10,000 tons, at an advanced price, $16 at the valleys. The interests of the Bessemer furnace association have sold their output well into the second quarter of the new year at prices ranging upward from $15 75 at the valley furnaces. Independent consumers have purchased for delivery in the first quarter or as soon after as possible over 40,000 tons of Bessemer pig iron at $16 a ton at the furnaces.

Question of Bessemer Price.

These purchases followed closely on those of the steel corporation, which had been holding out for a lower price, while at the same time not absolutely requiring the iron because of the curtailed production arising from the car shortage. All of these sales were closed within the past few days.

If the Bessemer iron could be offered for early delivery there are purchasers of lesser amounts waiting who would pay as high as $18 a ton.

Basic open hearth iron continues remarkably scarce and little was sold in the past week.

Foundry iron took on a renewed activity in the past week which is notable from the fact that most of the consumers, contrary to custom, have placed their orders for deliveries through the first half of the new year. Sales amounting to 6,000 tons were made on a basis of $15 75 a ton for the No. 2 grade for next year delivery.

Gray forge iron is another active quantity and was the subject of sales amounting to about 5,000 tons in the week past at advances ranging from 25 to 50 cents a ton. These sales are the aggregate of a number of smaller amounts but delivery cannot be made on them till late in the first quarter of next year and in the second quarter. These sales were made at from $15 50 to $15 75 a ton, Pittsburgh.

Steel Trade Condition.

Under the present trying conditions whereby the mills cannot get their output moved, outside sales of billets have not been made. The nominal price remains at from $27 50 to $28 a ton for the Bessemer billets, with open hearth billets $1 50 a ton higher.

The domestic producer of ferro manganese is still quoting $52 50 a ton, while the foreign product is being offered here at $50.

The past week developed nothing new in the steel rail market. New York reports confirm the prediction of The Gazette that the price of standard rails will hardly be advanced for deliveries next year, except, possibly, on the late and smaller contracts. Girder rail prices are equivalent to $36 a ton at mills; T rails, 8 pounds to the yard, $46; 12 pounds, $40; 16 pounds, $37; $20 pounds, $36; 25 pounds, $35; medium sections, $30; standard sections, $28.

The muck bar market has strengthened somewhat, a sale of 1,000 tons in the past week having been made at $29 75 a ton.

Higher Skelp Prices.

On steel skelp the price has also strengthened, the price now being about $1 75 for 100 pounds, while iron skelp is selling at from $1 80 to $1 85 for 100 pounds.

Pittsburgh producers of merchant bar sold 6,500 tons in the past week. The price is unchanged at $1 50 for 100 pounds of Bessemer merchant bar with half extras and $1 60 for 100 pounds of basic open hearth bar. Common iron bar continues a ready seller at $1 50 for 100 pounds, Pittsburgh and for the western trade, and $1 55 east.

There is a growing activity in the steel plate trade, which for two months past has been lagging somewhat. Pittsburgh producers sold 7,000 tons in the week past. Prices remain as follows: Tank plates, $1 60 for 100 pounds for plates up to 100 inches in width, and 5 cents extra 100 pounds for wide sizes; flange plates, $1 70 for 100 pounds; still-bottom steel, $1 90 for 100 pounds; locomotive firebox, not less than $2 higher; 2-10 inch plates, $1 a ton extra; gauges, Nos. 8 and 9, $2 a ton.

Structural material, in which contracts are now crowding the mills for months ahead, did not sell as heavily last week as in months past. Pittsburgh producers sold about 10,000 tons. Prices are: $1 60 for 100 pounds on beams, channels, angles and zees; tees, $1 65 for 100 pounds; beams, from 13 to 24 inches, $1 70 for 100 pounds.

Wire Rods Sell Lower.

Pittsburgh producers of wire rods sold about 5,000 tons in the week past at from $33 and $34 a ton. The leading producer did not participate in these sales, holding to the higher prices at which heavy sales were made the week before and which were $1 a ton above these figures.

Premiums on stock shipments of tin plate, through a falling off in the demand, have been gradually curtailed till they are small in comparison to two months ago. The American Tin Plate Company has sold most of its output for the first quarter of the new year at $4 a box at mill on car and larger orders.

The sheet trade is also settling to near the price of the American Steel Sheet Company, the prices of which range from $3 10 for 100 pounds of the No. 28 gauge on orders of 500 bundles and more.

The crucible and finer merchant steel market is one of the strongest in the iron and steel trades. Disasters at important mills of the leading producer have temporarily cut off their output. Cold rolled shafting is selling readily at a minimum price of 55 per cent off on less than car lots and 60 per cent off on car and larger lots. Other quotations remain: Tire steel, $1 60 for 100 pounds net; toe calk, $1 90 net in car lots; open hearth spring, $2 and $2 10; Bessemer plow slabs, $2; base lay steel, $2 25; rolled lay steel, $2 50@2 75; tool steel, $7 and upward, according to quality.

The past week developed no changes in the hardware market. Quotations are: Car lots of wire nails to jobbers, $2 10 a keg and $2 20 for less amounts; plain wire, car lots, $2 30 for 100 pounds, and less than car lots, $3 40; barbed wire, $3 in car lots, and $3 10 in less than car lots; galvanized No. 9 wire, $2 70 in car lots and $2 80 in less than car lots. Cut nails are held at $2 10 in car lots and $2 20 in small lots, Pittsburgh, with 2 per cent off in 10 days. Steel horseshoes are $3 30 for 100-pound kegs, and iron, $3 50; carriage bolts, 65 per cent off; stove and tire bolts, 75 per cent off list, f. o. b. on stock shipments.

Scrap and Tube Quotations.

Pittsburgh dealers in scrap material sold about 3,000 tons in the past week. Prices are as follows: Old steel rails, $17 a ton; old iron rails, $19; heavy steel melting stock, $16 50@18; cast scrap, $13 75@14; turnings, $11 50@12; borings, $8@8 50.

Steel and wrought iron pipe quotations to consumers remain unchanged as follows:

MERCHANT PIPE.	Black.	Galv.
⅛ to ¼ inch and 2 to 12 inch..	61	48
⅜ to 10 inch	68½	56
CASING—RANDOM LENGTHS.	S. & S.	I. J.
2 and 3 inch	58	53½
3½ and 4 inch	63	59
4½ and 12 inch	65	61½
CASING—CUT LENGTHS.	S. & S.	I. J.
2 and 3 inch	53½	50
3½ and 4 inch	59	55
4¼ and 2½ inch	61½	57½
BOILER TUBES.	Up to 23 ft. Steel.	Iron.
1¾ to 2¼ inch	65	43
2½ and 12 inch	59	53

(Jobbers get prices slightly lower than above.)

NEWS OF THE RIVERS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 25.—The river at this point last night was 17.5 and falling, having gone down 4 feet during the past 24 hours. Weather clear and warmer. The flow of ice has increased during the night. It is of a mushy nature and goes to pieces easily. Traffic is not impaired. The Harry Brown goes on the Cincinnati marine ways today. The J. K. Speed is off the ways and will leave for New Orleans Saturday. The John Cook, Cruiser, Tom Dodsworth, Al Martin and Joseph Walton passed up with empties last night. Capt. Robert Agnew of the Advance was saved from drowning by two deckhands.

PADUCAH—River 27 feet and falling. Weather clear and cooler. The Joe Fowler arrived from Evansville and departed on her return trip. The H. W. Buttorff arrived from Clarksville and departed for Nashville. The Sunshine from Cincinnati passed down. The City of Pittsburgh passed up from Memphis. The Avalon arrived from Chattanooga. Business dull.

MEMPHIS—The river here stands 17.6 feet on the gauge, a rise of 1.4 feet in the last 24 hours. On account of Christmas all the packets have laid over today. The Robert E. Lee laid up today to make some needed repairs, and the new steamer, Sadie Lee, goes out in her place Friday.

EVANSVILLE—River 23 feet 9 inches, falling. Weather cloudy. Jim Wood and loaded tow up last night.

LOUISVILLE—River, falling; canal 9.4; falls, 6.10 feet; locks, 22.4. Business quiet. Weather, cloudy and colder, with prospect of rain or snow. Packets on time. No boats passed up or down.

CAIRO—The river marks 26.3 feet tonight, a fall of 1.1 feet during the past 24 hours. Weather, cloudy and colder. The ice still holds in the Mississippi but it is getting soft. The J. B. Finley from Louisville passed down for New Orleans at 8 a. m. with coal tow of 22 pieces. The Charlie Brown followed at noon with 22 pieces. The John A. Wood will pass down with tow tomorrow morning. The Carrie V. brought up lumber at 3 p. m. The John K. Speed arrived from Mound City at noon and cleared for Cincinnati at 5:30 p. m. Capt. Max Seboit arrived from Louisville to look after the Hartwez which will be pulled out of the ways tomorrow.

GALLIPOLIS—River 9 feet and falling. Rain this morning. Weather cloudy and cool. The Virginia passed up.

POINT PLEASANT—River 8 feet 11 inches and rising. Weather cloudy and cool. The Henry M. Stanley down.

STEUBENVILLE—The river is 7 feet 3 inches and rising. Weather cloudy and cool. The Dave Wood passed up at noon.

GREENSBORO—River 8 feet and rising. Weather cloudy and cool.

BROWNSVILLE—The river is 6 feet and stationary. The weather is cloudy.

MORGANTOWN—River 7 feet 6 inches and closed. Weather is cloudy and warmer.

OIL CITY—River 3 feet and falling. Weather cloudy.

WARREN—River 2 feet 4 inches. Weather is mild.

MARIETTA—River 8 feet and falling. Weather cloudy and wet. Fallie up with empties, 10 a. m., Ice thinning out.

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

Congress Will Act in the Reconstruction of Parkersburg Bridge.

Capt. John F. Dravo, secretary of the Pittsburgh Coal exchange, says that the matter of reconstructing the Baltimore & Ohio railroad bridge at Parkersburg is now before the river and harbor committee, and that he is of the opinion that an amicable agreement will be reached in the matter.

Capt. Dravo does not believe the report that the government has ordered the removal of the center channel pier, although he says that he hopes the report is true. It is quite likely that the government will bear a proportionate share of the cost of reconstructing the bridge, which will have to be done by legislation. The Bellaire and Steubenville bridges are regarded as being worse obstructions to navigation than the bridge at Parkersburg, yet it is said that the removing of the pier contemplated at the latter structure will be a vast improvement.

Arrivals.

Keystone State, Knox, Cincinnati.

The stage of water at Davis Island dam at 9 o'clock last night, was 6.9 feet and rising.

The Rose Hite expects to leave for Rices landing this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The local steamboat inspectors expect to inspect the towboat Hunter today.

Yesterday being a holiday, the local government engineer's office and the inspector's office were closed.

The Keystone State, which arrived yesterday, will not leave for Cincinnati until next Monday, her regular day. The boat brought considerable poultry.

The new Sadie Lee, which is to run in the Memphis and Fulton trade, makes from 10 to 12 miles an hour, and she is easily managed by reason of her superior rudder power.

The new Natchez and Vicksburg packet, Senator Cordill, is lying on the ways at Howard's awaiting assurances that the ice will not interfere with her in case she is launched.

The towboats tied up down the Ohio river will probably be able to resume their trips in a day or two, as the ice is disappearing. The pool boats are having less difficulty in bringing out their fleets of coal.

Rivermen say that there is no excuse for the wharf being in its present muddy condition. The mariners say that the wharfmaster is provided with a large force of men, and that he has all the necessary tools and hose for keeping the levee clean.

The Joseph Walton branch of the coal combine at Louisville received a telegraphic order for 200 boxcar loads of coal to be shipped to the St. Louis Gas Company today, but the trouble is getting the boxcars, and it is probable the order cannot be filled as given.

The United States life saving service embraces at the close of the year 270 stations, of which number 195 were situated upon the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, 58 upon the coasts of the great lakes, 16 upon the Pacific coast, and one at the falls of the Ohio at Louisville.

Coal Famine Depresses Shipping.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The scarcity of coal at this port continues its depressing influence on the general shipping trade out of Philadelphia. Several foreign steamships under time charter are detained here, unable to get their cargoes, and while coastwise rates hold strong there is no inducement to vessel owners to charter, owing to the consequent delays in securing coal.

Clothing Company Assigns.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., Dec. 25.—The Simpson Clothing Company, a prominent retail establishment, has made an assignment. Liabilities $30,000; assets estimated at practically the same amount. A trustee is in charge.

Passenger Train Wrecked.

DALLAS, TEX., Dec. 25.—The Missouri, Kansas & Texas northbound passenger train, due in Dallas at 11:20 o'clock last night, was wrecked and almost completely burned six miles south of here just before midnight. Three persons were injured, but no one killed.

PITTSBURGH PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS

Holiday Business Satisfactory. Trade Larger Than Expected.

Business was virtually suspended yesterday in the wholesale center, jobbing houses being practically deserted except where attention was given to mail for a short time in the morning and to the storing of perishable goods.

A very satisfactory holiday trade has been in progress now for some weeks, and the season will be remembered as one of good selling at profitable prices. Grocers found demand for holiday goods fully up to, and, in some lines, beyond expectations. Fancy canned goods, dried fruits, candies and other specialties were purchased freely, notwithstanding the fact that prices have ruled rather high. Tropical fruits received plenty of attention, and nuts had a phenomenal run. Christmas greens sold plentifully, but holly was a little too abundant for the quality, which was not up to the standard of former years, and prices weakened toward the close of Monday's trading.

Christmas trees were good property, and cleaned up well. Poultry was scarce and brought high prices, much in advance of those which ruled on Thanksgiving day. It was discovered early on Tuesday that turkeys were in scant supply, and very fancy figures were obtained for good dressed stock.

Quotations open today nominally the same as at the close on Tuesday, no markets yesterday, and, consequently no change in prices.

Hay, Grain and Feed.

Following are the official quotations for hay, millfeed, corn, oats and straw, corrected by the superintendent of the Pittsburgh Grain exchange:

Straw—Oat, $7 50@8 00; wheat, $7 50@8 00; rye, $8 25@8 75.

Hay—Choice timothy, $15 25@15 50; No. 1 do, $14 50@15 00; No. 2 do, $13 50@14 00; No. 1 mixed, $11 75@12 00; No. 1 clover, $11 25@11 75; prairie, $10 50@11 00; packing, $8 00@10 00; loose from wagon, $16 00@17 00.

Rye—Milling price, delivered, No. 2 Michigan, 70@70½c.

Wheat—No. 3 red winter, 72@73c f. o. b. cars within radius of 50 miles of Pittsburgh.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, shelled, 73½@74c; high mixed, 72½@73½c; No. 2 mixed, 71½@72½c; No. 2 yellow ear, 74½@75c; high mixed, 73@74c; No. 2 mixed, 72½@73½c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 54@54½c; extra, No. 3, 53@53½c; regular, 52@52½c.

Millfeed—Middlings, per ton, No. 2, $27 00@27 50; brown, $26 00@26 50; bran, $25 50@26 00.

Groceries.

Flour—Jobbers' price: Fancy spring patents, $4 20@4 25; fancy winter patents, $3 75@3 80; straight winter, $3 50@3 60; bakers' spring, $3 00@3 60; rye, $3 45@3 55; graham, $4 25@4 50; cornmeal, bbl, $3 85; 10-lb cotton bags, 22c.

Sugars—Standard granulated, 4.65c; fine granulated, bbl, 100-lb and 25-lb jute bags, 4.65c; 60 2-lb cartons and 20 5-lb cotton bags, 4.80c; powdered, 4.75c; powdered xxxx, 4.90c; cubes, 4.90c; cut loaf, 5.25c; confectioners' A, 4.45c; No. 2 spot white, 4.30c; No. 4 do, 4.20c; No. 7 yellow, 3.95c; No. 8 do, 3.85c; No. 9 do, 3.80c. (Quotations are f o b cars New York, which gives cost at your nearest railroad station. The price for Pittsburgh is 15 cents per 100 lbs above these quotations.)

Cereals—Rolled oats, bbls, $5 35; kegs, $2 85; packages, $2 50@3 25; oat meal, bbls, $5 75; kegs, $3 05.

Molasses—Fancy refined, 30@32c; choice do, 26@29c; prime do, 22@25c; new open kettle, 35@40c; fancy sugar syrups, 27@29c; sugar and cane, 22@24c; syrup in 2½-lb tin cans, $1 00 per doz.

Salt—No. 1, $1 00 per bbl; No. 1 extra, $1 10; dairy, $1 30; granulated rock, 55c sack.

Coffee—Roasted, bulk Rio, 10½@12c; Santos, 22½@23½c; Maricaibo, 17@17½c; Peaberry, 17@18½c; Caracas, 19½@20c; Golden Rio, 15@15½c; Java, 26@29c; Mocha, 25½c, standard brands, 1-lb pkgs, 11.80c (with rebate of ¼c allowed to retailers); high grades, 1-lb pkgs, 15.30@17.30c.

Beans—Prime marrowfat, bu, $2 75@2 85; H. P. navy, $2 05@2 10; Kidney, $2 75@2 85; California Lima, 6@6¼c.

Peas—Dried peas, $1 40@1 45; Scotch, per bu, $1 50@1 55; split peas, bbl, $6 00; less, 3½c per lb.

Oil—Carbon, 110 deg, 9¼c; headlight, 10c; water white, 10¼c; Elaine, 14c; Ohio W. W. test, 10c; miners' Lewis, 32@35c; special brands, 26@43c; prime refined, 26c; linseed, 58c.

Rice—Extra fancy head, 7½@7¾c; fancy head, 6¾@7c; fancy Japan, 5¾@6c; choice Japan, 5¼c; choice Carolina, 6@6½c; prime Carolina, 4¾@5¼c.

Canned Goods.

Standard pie peaches, 80@85c gallon; pie peaches, $2 50@3 00; California L. C. peaches, $1 90@2 35; Maryland peaches, $1 20@1 75; California Y. F., $1 80@2 00; corn, fancy brands, 90c@$1 00; corn, 82½@85c; California cherries, white, $2 00@2 25; lima beans, $1 20@1 40; soaked lima beans, 75@80c; string do, 65c@$1 25; marrowfat peas, 95c@$1 10; early June peas, $1 00@1 30; soaked peas, 55@65c; New York apples, gal cans, $3 40 doz; pineapples, $1 70@2 20; damson plums, $1 00; California plums, $1 55@1 60; raspberries, 85@90c; gooseberries, 95c@$1 00; standard tomatoes, $1 20@1 25; fancy, $1 35@1 50; salmon, doz, 1-lb cans, $1 00@2 30; succotash, 1-lb cans, 65c@$1 40; chipped beef, 1-lb cans, $2 25@2 75; 2-lb corned and roast beef, cans, $1 35@2 40; mackerel, 2 and 3-lb cans, broiled, $1 75@2 90; sardines, domestic, ¼s, $3 25@3 35; mustards, ¾s, $2 70; French, $7 00@14 25; oysters, 1-lb full weight, 95c@$1 25; 2-lb full weight, $1 80; 1-lb lunch, flat cans, $1 10.

Dried Fruits.

Evaporated apricots, in bags, 10½@11c; 25-lb boxes, 11½@12c; apples, in bulk, 9½c; 1-lb cartons, 10@11c; peaches, 8@12c; raisins, seeded, 1-lb pkgs, 8@9c; raisins, Muscatels, 2 and 4-crown, 50-lb boxes, 6½@6¾c per lb; Ondaria Valencia, 7½@8c; California Valencia, 7c; raspberries, 27@27½c; currants, cleaned, 25 and 50-lb pkgs, 8½@8¾c; California prunes, 4¾@7½c.

Fruits and Produce.

Apples—Common, $3 00@3 50 per bbl; choice and fancy, $4 00@5 50; California, per box, $1 75@2 00.

Cucumbers—Hothouse, $1 75@2 00.

Carrots—Per bbl, $1 25@1 50; ton, $16 00@18 00.

Brussels Sprouts—Per qt, 25@28c.

Potatoes—On track, per bu, 90@95c; carloads, fancy, 80@90c; fancy from store, $1 00; Virginia sweet potatoes, per bbl, $2 25@2 75; Jersey sweets, fancy, $3 25@3 75; Jersey sweets, medium, $2 25@2 50.

Onions—Per bbl, $3 50@4 00; per bu, $1 40@1 50; Spanish, crate, $1 25@1 50; silver skins, $4 00@6 00.

Pears—Kiefers, $1 00@1 10 per bbl; York Kiefers, $3 50@3 75 per bbl.

Horseradish—Per bbl, $5 50@6 00.

Watercress—Per doz, 30@40c.

Oyster plant—Per doz, 30@40c.

Celery—Small, 20@25c; medium, 40@50c; large, 60@70c.

Turnips—Common flat, per bbl, $1 00@1 25; globe purple top, $1 00@1 65.

Rutabagas—Per bbl, $1 00@1 25.

Cabbage—Per ton, $10 00@12 00; German seed, $15 00@16 00; red, per bbl, $1 25@1 50.

Leeks—Per doz, 50@60c.

Parsnips—Per bbl, $1 75@2 00; ton, $24 00@25 00.

Beets—Per bbl, $2 25@2 50; ton, $28 00@30 00.

Parsley—Per doz, 10@12½c.

Cauliflower—Half bu chips, 50@75c; bbl, $2 25@2 75.

Mushrooms—Per lb, 50@60c.

Radishes—Per doz, 15@25c.

Tomatoes—Florida, 6-basket carriers, $2 00@3 50; California, $3 50.

Green onions—Per doz, 15@20c; New Orleans Charlottes, 45@50c doz.

Garlic—Per lb, 7@8c.

Squash—Hubbard, per bbl, $2 50@3 00; marrowfat, per bbl, $2 00@2 25; ton, $28 00@[illegible].

Cranberries—Per crate, $2 25@3 00; per bbl, $8 00@10 00.

String beans—Green, $5 00@6 00; wax, $5 00@6 00.

Florida egg plant—Per box, $4 00@6 00.

Spinach—Per bu, 50@60c.

Strawberries—California, per pint, 50@60c.

Lettuce—Homegrown, per doz, 40@50c; hothouse, 30@45c per basket; head lettuce, bbl, $6 00@7 00; Endive, $7 00@8 00.

Grapes—Catawba, pony baskets, 17@18c.

Honey—White comb, 15@17c; New York white clover, 17@18c; buckwheat, 11@12c.

Maple Syrup—75c@$1 00 per gallon.

Cider—New sweet apple juice, bbl, $4 50@5 00; old sharp apple juice, bbl, $1 50@3 00; choice crabapple, bbl, $5 00@6 00; refined apple juice, gal, 12@15c; pure grape juice, 25@30c; sand refined, per bbl, $5 75@6 00; kegs, $3 50; per gal, 18@20c.

Christmas Greens.

Christmas trees, $1 00@1 50 per bundle; holly, per case, $2 50@2 75; holly wreaths, per doz, $1 00@1 50; string pine, per yd, 3@4c; string laurel, per yd, 3½@4½c; evergreen pine, per bundle, 50@60c; evergreen wreaths, per doz, $1 25@1 50; moss per bbl, crate, $2 00@2 25; mistletoe, per lb, 25@30c; per bbl, $8 00@10 00; holly crosses and anchors, $2 00@4 00 per doz. Boxwood, per bbl, $5 00@6 00; Immortelles, 50c@$1 50 per set piece.

Tropical Fruits and Nuts.

Limes—Box, $1 00.

Lemons—California, $3 00@3 50.

Pineapples—Florida, crate, $3 25@3 50; smooth, Cayennes, $4 50@5 00.

California pears—Nellis, per box, $2 50@3 00; Peaberry, $2 50@3 00.

Cocoanuts—Per bag, $3 25.

Oranges—Florida, $2 50@3 00; California Jaffa, $2 00@3 00; navel, $3 25@3 50.

Almeria grapes—Per keg, $4 50@6 00.

Bananas—Firsts, $1 50@1 75; eighths, $1 00@1 25; seconds, 75c@$1 00.

Grape fruit—Fancy Florida, per box, $5 50@6 00.

Manderines—Florida, per box, $4 50.

Tangerines—Florida, per box, $6 00@6 50.

Almonds—15c; filberts, 12c; English walnuts, 11c; pecans, 12@15c; mixed nuts, 11c; peanuts, jumbos, 5½c; fancy handpicked, 5c per lb; chestnuts, 9@10c; shellbarks, $1 50@2 00 per bu; walnuts, per bu, 60@65c; St. John's bread, per lb, 4c; California papershell almonds, 16c; Italian chestnuts, 8c.

Butter, Eggs and Cheese.

Butter—Elgin creamery, prints, 27½@28c; do tubs, 26½@27c; Ohio and Pennsylvania creamery, 24½@25c; dairy butter, 18@19c; fresh country roll, 16@17c; cooking butter, 14@16c.

Cheese—New York full creams, 11½@12c; Ohio, 11½c; ¾ cream, Ohio, 8½@10c; Ohio Swiss, tubs, 13@14c; Wisconsin Swiss, tubs, 15@15½c; 20-lb block cheese, Swiss, new, 15@15½c; 5-lb brick cheese, 13@13½c; limburger, new, 13c.

Eggs—Fresh, candled, doz, 28@30c; storage, 20@22c.

Poultry and Game.

Chickens—Live hens, per lb, 9@9½c; springers, 9@9½c; roosters, 5@6c; turkeys, 10@11c; turkeys, dressed, 14@16c; spring turkeys, dressed, 15@16c; hens, dressed, 13@13½c; fresh spring dressed, 13½@14c; geese, live, 8@9c; ducks, 10@11c; do dressed, 15@16c. Rabbits, 20@30c.

Provisions.

Smoked meats—Hams, over 16 lbs, 11¼c; medium hams, 12 to 16 lbs, 11¼c; small hams, 12 lbs and under, 11¼c; skinned hams, 12¼c; boneless boiled hams, 17½c; California hams, 8¼c; shoulders (New York cut), 9¼c; shoulders (skinned), 9¾c.

Breakfast bacon—Rib, 8 to 10 lbs, 11¾c; ribs, 10 to 12 lbs, 11¼c; do back strips, 10¼c; do clear, 8 to 10 lbs, 12c; do 10 to 12 lbs, 11¾c; do back strips, 10¾c.

Dry salt meats—Sides (extra short clear), 9¼c; bellies (heavy), 20 to 25 lbs, 9¼c; bellies, 16 to 20 lbs, 9¾c; bellies under 16 lbs, 10c.

Dry salt smoked meats—Sides (extra short clears), 10c; bellies, over 20 to 25 lbs, 10¼c; bellies, from 16 to 20 lbs, 10½c; bellies, under 16 lbs, 10¾c.

Lard—Pure lard (tierces), 10¾c. The advance for smaller packages over tierces is as follows: Barrels (about 240 lbs), ⅛c; ½ bbls (about 100 lbs), ¼c; fancy tubs, net 60 lbs, ⅜c; wooden buckets, net 20 lbs, ⅝c; 50-lb tin pails (1 to 2 in a case), ¼c; 10-lb tin pails (6 in a case), ⅝c; 5-lb tin pails (12 in a case), ¾c; 3-lb tin pails (20 in a case), 1c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Beeves—Receipts, 2,529 head; 15 cars on sale; firm, and generally 10 cents higher; all sold. Steers, $4 50@5 40; oxen, $4 50; bulls, $2 50@4 00; cows, $1 60@3 75. Cables weak. Exports, 16 cattle, 40 sheep and 2,750 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 788 head; veals firm; barnyard calves steady; all sold. Veals, $4 50@8 50; little calves, $4 00; barnyard calves, $3 00@4 00; westerns, $4 00; city dressed veals, 8@12½c per pound. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 4,913 head; six cars on sale; sheep steady; lambs firm to a shade higher; two car unsold. Sheep, $2 00@3 65; culls, $1 50; lambs, $4 50@5 80; culls, $4 00; no Canada lambs. Hogs—Receipts, 6,815 head; one car on sale; feeling steady. No sales reported.

LITTLE FIRE PROTECTION.

Insurance Companies Withdraw from Shreveport, Ala.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—Fire at Shreveport, La., early today destroyed the furniture establishment of Jackson Bros., involving a loss of $60,000 on stock and $15,000 on building.

The fire situation in Shreveport is considered bad and an agitation has been started in favor of building reform and improved fire apparatus. Forty insurance companies have withdrawn from the city pending an adjustment of conditions. The losses in the past six months have been exceptionally heavy.

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ITALY DESIRES CHANGE IN OUR AMERICAN LAWS

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FAVA RAISES A QUESTION

Ambassador Mayor des Planches Explains in Washington the Remedy for Recent Lynchings Asked by His Country of United States.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—The Italian government of late has been renewing its efforts with the authorities in Washington to have our federal statutes so extended as to protect foreigners in cases arising within the jurisdiction of states, thus giving a federal remedy for lynchings and like affrays directed against Italians, such as have occurred in Louisiana, Colorado and Mississippi.

It is the exchange of views in this connection which recently brought on the discussion in the Italian senate, when Baron Fava interpolated the Italian premier as to the progress of an adjustment. Immediately on the arrival of the new ambassador, Signor Mayor des Planches, he took up this question, which had arisen in connection with the lynching of several Italian citizens at Erwin, Miss. In this connection Signor Mayor said today:

Existing Treaty Explained.

"Under the treaty which exists between Italy and the United States the citizens of each country are guaranteed the fullest protection while residing in the other country. In the case of Americans residing in Italy they have exactly the same rights, the same protection, the same recourse to the courts, that an Italian subject enjoys. The only exception is in connection with political rights. In the case of Italians residing in the United States, the treaty assures them the same rights and protection given to American citizens; but, unfortunately, this expression of the treaty, so far as it relates to Italians in this country, is somewhat theoretical, for under the American system, which limits the federal authority over states, the central government is not able to give effect to the guarantee laid down by the treaty.

"We fully recognize the difficulties of this situation, which have been as apparent to the statesmen of this country as they have to those of Italy. We have hoped this would bring about the enactment of a law which would permit the federal government to carry out the guarantees of treaties. This would be a genuine remedy for affairs similar to those which have occurred in Louisiana and Mississippi, and would prevent the periodical agitation over cases arising in the states. As these cases arose they would be assured of attention under the federal authority, with careful regard for the execution of treaty obligations.

Indemnity Does Not Settle It.

"Since the recent lynchings at Erwin, Miss., there has been more or less discussion of the payment of a money indemnity, but in the view of the Italian government the question of indemnity does not enter into the case. There has been no suggestion coming from us, much less a demand, for a cash indemnity to the government. The Italian government does not seek blood money. At the same time the families of the victims, who are the ones most directly affected, are naturally willing to listen to suggestions of a monetary indemnity, and when these suggestions are voluntarily made by the state or federal authorities we can do nothing more than be the medium for considering them in behalf of our people.

"But such indemnities are to the people affected, and not to the Italian government, which feels that there is a far greater question involved than any financial return to individuals. It is the real and permanent remedy of having the federal laws give to Italian subjects the protection guaranteed in our treaties that we desire, and it is to this end that exchanges of views are pending, rather than to the payment of special indemnities in special cases."

EMINENT MEN RECEIVE ALFRED NOBEL PRIZES

Late Discoverer of Dynamite Distributes His Fortune Among Leaders of World's Thought.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—United States Minister Thomas has reported to the state department that events of unusual importance took place December 10 at Stockholm and Christiania, in connection with the first award of the Nobel prizes.

Alfred Nobel, the discoverer of dynamite, who died five years ago, left substantially the whole of his vast fortune for the benefit of mankind, and in his will directed that it be divided into prizes, without regard to nationality, the worthiest to be awarded the prize whether he be Scandinavian or not. These prizes consisted of five allotments, each of more than $40,000. The awards were as follows:

In physics, to Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen, professor at the University of Munich, the discoverer of the Roentgen ray; in chemistry, to Jacobus Henricus Van't Hoff, professor at the University of Berlin; in medicine, to Emil von Behring, professor at Halle, the discoverer of the diphtheria serum; in literature, to Sully-Prudhomme, member of the French Academy; in the works of peace the prizes were divided between Frederick Passy, the leading spirit in bringing about the Geneva convention and in instituting the societies of the Red Cross.

The prize diplomas were awarded by the crown prince in person at Stockholm in the presence of a great gathering of distinguished people, and at Christiania the award was made by the Norwegian storthing, convened in solemn session. Sully-Prudhomme was unable to attend because of sickness.

DIRECTORS WILL MEET FRIDAY

Details of the Traction, Light, Heat and Power Merger Will Be Acted Upon.

The board of directors of the Philadelphia Company will meet on Friday to act finally on some of the details for completing the $116,000,000 merger of the traction, light, heat and power interests in the Pittsburgh district. At this meeting a report will be made of the aggregate of stock certificates of the Consolidated Traction Company turned in under the offer of the Philadelphia Company by which new stock of the Philadelphia Company, bonds and cash will be exchanged on the first of the new year.

The depositories, the City Trust Company of Pittsburgh and the Land, Title & Trust Company of Philadelphia, finished their work in this matter on Tuesday evening. There was a rush of the certificate holders near the last and the officials did not receive the figures from Philadelphia Tuesday or yesterday. Before the time was extended for the receipt of the Consolidated shares under the transfer plan Consolidated Traction shareholders had deposited 420,000 shares, the amounts of common and preferred shares being about equal. These amounts have since been swelled till now most of the entire issue of 540,000 shares have been deposited.

The Pittsburgh minority interests that were holding off under the proposition rushed in during the closing hours of the last day and most have now turned in their shares.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS BY WAGON LOADS

INMATES OF MANY INSTITUTIONS MADE HAPPY.

Gusky Store Brought Cheer to Thousands Who Must Have Otherwise Done Without Presents—Pathetic Scenes in Larger Homes.

The 20th annual distribution of toys to the various children's homes which was started by the late J. M. Gusky and has been kept up since by the store that he founded was held yesterday. The same homes have been receiving donations of toys every year, and the usual program was carried out yesterday. It is estimated that between 5,000 and 7,000 pieces, comprising toys, clothes and shoes, were distributed.

The distributions take place in different ways. To certain of the homes wagons from the Gusky store take the toys, and they are handed to the children. To others, more remote, some of them outside the county, the toys are sent by express. In Pittsburgh and Allegheny the distributions from wagons are made by representatives of the firm in the guise of Santa Claus, one man having charge of Pittsburgh and another of Allegheny.

Ralph C. Samuels has acted as Santa Claus to the Allegheny homes for the past 16 years. This year John H. Werner donned the makeup and clothes of St. Nicholas to take charge of the Pittsburgh institutions. Levi DeWolf, manager of the Gusky store, had general supervision over the distribution in Allegheny, and Mark Gusky, a son of the founder of the custom, had charge in Pittsburgh.

A number of the Gusky delivery wagons gathered at the store in Market street promptly at 9 o'clock. They were gaily bedecked with Christmas greens, and each one bore its load of toys or clothing. Some 25 carriages carrying invited guests also appeared at the store. The entire number of wagons and carriages proceeded in line to the Ridge avenue home, in Allegheny, where the first distribution was made. The Pittsburgh contingent returned across the river to cover the institutions allotted to them, and the Allegheny wagons started on their rounds.

The Favored Institutions.

On the North Side the following institutions were visited besides the Ridge avenue home: Women's Christian home, United Presbyterian home, Home for the Friendless, Little Sisters of the Poor, House of the Good Shepherd and St. Joseph's home. In Pittsburgh calls were paid at the Homeopathic hospital, the West Penn hospital, the Episcopal church home, and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Besides these homes toys and boxes were sent to the following institutions, which are located either outside the cities or at such remote parts that it is impossible to make the rounds of all in one day: St. Michael's home, the J. M. Gusky orphanage, St. Paul's orphanage, Idlewood, Colored orphanage, the Odd Fellows' home, the Concordia orphan home, Butler county, the Children's Temporary home, and the Children's Aid society.

The distribution of these toys is an event looked forward to very eagerly by the inmates of the institutions favored. Most of the homes are for children, but others, like the Little Sisters of the Poor, are for old people. In some children's homes where there is a scarcity of funds shoes are given instead of toys. To the old people's homes articles of wearing apparel are always given. The old people appreciate their new clothes just as much as the children do the toys.

In the homes of the Little Sisters of the Poor in both Pittsburgh and Allegheny there is an old woman who is remarkable for her activity. The woman in each case has passed her 90th year. Each Christmas for several years past it has been a custom for these old women to dance a sort of jig for the entertainment of the distributers of the Gusky gifts. This year was no exception to the rule, and each old woman did her turn with remarkable ease, considering her age. The old people look forward to this opportunity as the only means they have of showing their gratitude to the Gusky representatives.

Wants of Children Are Consulted.

The homes which are to be favored with gifts send in lists of their inmates every year, and in every case where it is possible the wants of children in the way of toys are designated. When the distribution is made in those homes visited by the Gusky wagons the Santa Claus makes personal presentation of the gifts. Each child has a package marked with his or her name, and there is no possibility of confusion. The wants of the little ones are generally so well known that there is absolutely no dissatisfaction.

At the Home of the Good Shepherd and St. Joseph's home, both in Allegheny, the children gave entertainments for the visitors, which were very much enjoyed. It is their way of thanking the donors for the Christmas cheer.

It is a great sight to watch the distribution of toys in one of the larger children's homes, where there are from 300 to 700 little ones, each waiting expectantly for his or her package. Of course there must be some children whose packages will be near the last. It is pitiful to watch the little faces growing longer and the eyes filling with tears as bundle after bundle is lifted out and given to someone else. As the end draws near the little ones who are the last few are almost in tears. When their package is at last drawn out they seem to enjoy its contents even more than the others on account of the wait.

The distribution in Allegheny yesterday took from 9:30 in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Samuels, the Santa Claus, says it is one of the greatest pleasures of his Christmas to be allowed to give the children the gifts, simply to watch their childish glee and to hear their shouts of delight and thanks.

CAMPAIGN IN COKE FIELDS.

United Mine Workers, With Aid of Federation of Labor, Will Try to Organize Coke Workers.

The American Federation of Labor and the United Mine Workers of America are arranging an organization campaign among the miners and coke workers of the Connellsville and adjacent coking fields. In these fields years ago the miners' organization had its inception, but since then the adverse attitude of the producing interests toward dealing with an organization has kept the union out. Now the leaders have taken new hope from the attitude expressed at the recent meeting of the National Civic Federation, by President Charles M. Schwab, of the United States Steel Corporation, which in a sense approved a system of conciliation and arbitration between capital and labor.

These labor leaders say that unless the men are permitted to organize there will be no need of these measures being introduced by the Civic Federation, and that, if the corporation officials are not averse to the plan of Senator M. A. Hanna of Ohio, they cannot object to organization.

For years the miners have been unable to regain their foothold with the coke workers, and at the miners' last annual convention it was proposed to exclude the coke workers from the province of the organization. Then some of the conservative leaders saw a hope, and the miners' organization still ostensibly includes the coke workers.

As a step to a proposed organization of all labor in the coking fields, the American Federation of Labor has formed local and joint organizations of all other crafts at the centers of the coke regions. Such organizations have been formed by the American Federation of Labor in Uniontown, Greensburg and Connellsville. Today there will be a union labor mass meeting at Uniontown under the auspices of the Uniontown branch of the National Protective Salesmen's association. Secretary Frank Morrison of the Federation of Labor has assigned Calvin Wyatt, the Pittsburgh organizer, to make the principal address for the federation.

MACLAY WILL OFFER TO WORK NEXT THURSDAY

Will Be Told That He Is Discharged and Will Demand the Reason.

RULES DON'T SHIELD HIM

Civil Service Commissioner Says the Historian Has No Redress, as He Knows the Reason Why He Was Dismissed.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

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NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Edgar Stanton Maclay, special laborer and historian, will present himself at his accustomed desk in the storekeeper's office, Brooklyn navy yard, tomorrow morning, to insist upon learning why he has been discharged.

Mr. Maclay was decorating a Christmas tree when seen this morning at his home in Brooklyn. When he was told of his dismissal from the public service by Secretary Long he said:

"Well, I expected this, yet I hardly believed that President Roosevelt would authorize such an extreme step. I cannot decide my next move until the civil service commission answers the two questions I have just sent to that body. The questions are these: 'Can the president of the United States demand the resignation of a civil service employe? If so, can the president discharge an employe without a hearing?'

"However, I shall, as usual, go to work at the Brooklyn navy yard on Thursday morning. If I am told by Admiral Barker that I have been dismissed from the service, I shall make no scene. I shall, nevertheless, insist on a reason for my discharge."

In a case in the second district civil court of Williamsburg yesterday judgment was given against Maclay for $36 for the non-payment of a beer bill.

No Comfort in Civil Service Rules.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—"Edgar S. Maclay has been removed from the public service, and he knows the reason why. Therefore he has no ground for appeal to the civil service commission for redress."

This, in substance, is a statement made tonight by Civil Service Commissioner Proctor, when interviewed concerning the report that Mr. Maclay intends to contest his summary dismissal by Secretary Long.

"Mr. Maclay shows that he is not a deep thinker," said Judge Proctor, "by saying the civil service law requires the appointing power to give reasons for removal of employes from the classified service. There is no law to that effect. There is, however, an executive order, which requires that when an employe is removed from the service he has a right to know what charges are made against him. That order was issued to prevent injustice.

"In the case of Mr. Maclay there is nothing mysterious about the reason for his removal. If he does not know why the secretary of the navy issued that order for his removal, by direction of the president of the United States, he is one of the few people in this country who have not received light on that subject, and his ignorance throws a large shadow upon his qualifications as a historian. His case is so perfectly clear that I do not see what ground he has for appeal to the civil service law for mercy.

"Thus far no appeal has been made to the commission by Mr. Maclay or his friends, but I fancy he would be informed that there is no mystery as to the reasons which caused his removal."

Congressional Sentiment Changes.

There has been a notable change of sentiment among senators regarding the Schley controversy during the last week. This is to be ascribed in large measure to the influence of the president. Mr. Roosevelt has taken the position that the whole controversy is wrong, and that the verdict of the court of inquiry should end it. He made that clear in his action in censuring Gen. Miles and in dismissing Maclay. He intends to use his influence in every direction to lay the ghost of Santiago. His action with reference to Maclay last Saturday was designed to show that the administration was not showing unfairness to either side—was keeping aloof from both sides.

Since that time the president has seen many senators who were disposed to fight for some sort of recognition of Admiral Schley as the hero of Santiago in congress. To such senators as desired to discuss the question he has stated his views very fully, without presuming to dictate or to influence their freedom of action.

It is known that at least two senators who introduced bills and resolutions in favor of Rear Admiral Schley have since changed their minds and will not press them. They have considered that the view of the president is wise, from a party standpoint, and also they have had their suspicions aroused as to the motives of the Democratic leaders in pushing Admiral Schley to the front as a possible candidate for the presidency. They are suspecting that the Democratic leaders are trying to get the Republicans to pull their chestnuts from the fire.

At the same time there are signs that the Democrats are preparing to get to cover on the proposition. Some of the most conservative men in congress are now of the opinion that they will not be able to make out of the Schley affair the issue that they thought possible in the first flush of anger following the publication of the findings. It is also explained that Democratic congressmen have been hearing from their constituents. Several Democratic members say there has been a reaction and that there is now in their districts a feeling that the whole thing should be allowed to drop.

More Exacting With Tourists.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The exactions on tourists arriving at the port of New York will, it is said, be made more stringent, and tourists arriving in this country will be called upon in future to pay full duty on all extra wearing apparel, as well as on everything else not on the free list. In other words, according to a customs official, "Tourists will not be favored at the expense of importers."

Killed Mother With an Ax.

TAYLORS FALLS, MINN., Dec. 25.—Abe Nelson, an old resident, has been taken into custody, charged with killing his mother, 80 years of age, by splitting her head open with an ax last night. He was weak minded, but was considered harmless. He is 55 years of age, and was alone with his mother at the time.

Ex-President Cleveland Better.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 25.—Ex-President Cleveland's condition was, if anything, more favorable today. He showed a greater disposition to move about, and while he did not attempt to come downstairs and take part in his children's Christmas he showed considerable interest in the gifts.

AVOIDED ARC LAMPS AS THEY DEPARTED

STRANGE PROCESSION STEALS HOME FROM A EUCHRE PARTY.

Each Had Promised to Bring a Gift and to Carry All Allotted to Him Away. The Surprise, of Course, Came With the Presents.

A strange procession moved in all directions from the residence of Miss Jean Marshall at Marshall and Perrysville avenues, Allegheny, early Saturday morning. Midnight strollers wondered why Attorney R. B. Scandrett was attempting to escape their searching gaze by climbing fences and pushing a live pig through the palings and why he hoisted house ladders, wash tubs and other kitchen paraphernalia over the top. They also marveled at the cumbersome articles under the arms and over the shoulders of staid Charles P. Lang, Allegheny's city solicitor, and again were disturbed when A. C. Johnston, the well-known Tenth ward attorney, and Councilman George B. Kimberlin sought the pleasing shadows of poorly lighted lanes in an endeavor to escape the popular gaze of their friends and neighbors, while they lugged heavy bundles that seemed sufficient to commence business of the department store variety.

The surprise increased when Chester Hoag, the well-known broker, did his best to escape observation by skirting Marshall avenue with a hop, step and jump maneuver, and C. W. Smart, the druggist, showed his anxiety to reach home by paths across other people's property, both carrying laundry articles ample enough in number to start a first-class steam establishment. John Boyd and Percy Smith had to place handkerchiefs over their faces and were only discovered by mistake.

Results Were Not Foreseen.

As a matter of fact, the strange procession was only the climax of an innocent proposal on the part of Mr. Scandrett that all members of the Marshall Avenue Euchre club remember each other at the last meeting of the society before Christmas.

They all voted in the affirmative on the spur of the moment, but when business men looked into the matter and found that with their wives as fellow members it would require just 70 presents from one family to supply the needs of the occasion; when they discovered they would have to take a day off to buy these little surprises they determined to get even.

One member, from forethought for the hostess, moved that everybody be required to take their presents home after the euchre. There were just 1,056 articles in the house that night. One of Mr. Scandrett's most intimate friends bought a live pig and another thoughtfully provided Mrs. Scandrett with a ladder for fear she might have to pick cherries in the little farm down on the hill. But he was not the only man who seemed to need the useful. Mr. Johnston had an ironing board of the newest and heaviest make and clothes baskets of the latest pattern. A tool chest was provided for Attorney Lang and a miniature lighthouse for Percy Smith. Every member of the euchre had a musical instrument of the largest and cheapest kind and the variety of airs from Chopin's last composition to "Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" would have made Sousa die of envy.

Had to Take Them Home.

It was essential for the members to take their presents home and servants' aid was distinctly barred by the resolutions. Scandrett had considerable trouble with the pig. He fooled them all, however, by tieing it up in a bag and when he laid it down by a fence corner it kicked sufficiently to roll through any opening of ordinary size. By placing his head through the middle rung of the ladder and hanging wash tubs, farming implements and his 69 other articles on either end he managed to reach home at 6 a. m.

Councilman Kimberlin had a very happy coincident happen to him. Rather bald, his friends with almost kindly unanimity thought that side combs would be very appropriate. He has 50 pairs of start in business. Mark and Meredith Marshall were at home. Fortunate men! They were the envy of every other member of the group. Charlie Lang had a long walk, as carriages and wagons were also barred. He can open up a chicken farm with little trouble, as his incubator is of the newest design.

Two kitchen tables of the dollar variety can still be seen in a vacant lot adjoining Riverview park. No marks or names are distinguishable. Seven Christmas trees are lined alongside the Marshall property in Perrysville avenue. There are no tags on them. An ice cooler was left on the porch of the Marshall mansion.

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Indianapolis and St. Louis*	4:50 am	* 5:50 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire....†	5:20 am	† 8:40 am
Wellsville and Bellaire....†	5:20 am	‡ 7:10 pm
Alliance and Cleveland....†	5:20 am	† 1:10 pm
Alliance and Wooster.....†	5:40 am	†10:20 pm
Jamestown and Youngs'n†	6:20 am	† 1:20 pm
Ohio Valley Express......†	6:45 am	† 8:35 pm
Fort Wayne and Chicago.*	7:00 am	* 5:20 pm
Ft. Wayne and Chicago..†	7:00 am	* 6:50 am
Tiffin and Toledo.........†	7:00 am	† 5:30 pm
N. Castle & Jamestown..*	7:35 am	* 5:50 pm
Youngst'n and Ashtabula.*	7:35 am	† 5:50 pm
Erie and Ashtabula ......†	7:35 am	†10:45 am
Mercer and Oil City......†	7:35 am	†10:45 am
Cleveland Fast Line......*	8:00 am	* 7:40 pm
Columbus and Cincinnati.*	8:00 am	* 5:40 pm
N. Castle and Jamestown†	12:40 pm	† 8:20 am
Youngst'n and Ashtabula†	12:40 pm	† 7:50 pm
Columbus and Chicago...*	12:25 pm	* 3:30 pm
Alliance and Cleveland...†	1:25 pm	† 7:20 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire...†	1:35 pm	† 7:20 pm
Alliance and Crestline....*	1:35 pm	*12:40 pm
Youngstown ....†	3:40 pm	† 8:55 am
New Castle and Erie......†	4:35 pm	† 7:30 pm
Youngstown and Niles...†	4:35 pm	* 5:50 pm
Mercer and Oil City......†	4:35 pm	† 7:30 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire...†	4:50 pm	† 4:35 pm
Cleveland Special..........*	5:00 pm	*11:30 am
Wellsville and Bellaire...‡	5:10 pm	‡ 9:10 am
Chicago Special............*	6:30 pm	* 7:45 am
Chicago Limited............*	8:15 pm	* 6:00 am
Columbus and Cincinnati.*	8:15 pm	* 6:00 am
Indianap., Louis. & St. L.*	8:15 pm	* 6:20 am
Toledo and Detroit........*	9:30 pm	* 5:00 am
Beaver Falls & N. Castle.†	10:15 pm	† 7:50 pm
Alliance and Cleveland....*	11:00 pm	* 5:40 am

Leave for Washington, Pa., †6:30 am, †7:30 am, †9:00 am, †9:45 am, †1:55 pm, †3:10 pm, *4:10 pm, †5:15 pm, ‡5:30 pm, †6:30 pm, †10:49 pm.

Leave for Wheeling, †6:45 am, *8:20 am, †11:50 am, †2:35 pm, †6:15 pm.

Leave for Steubenville, *5:50 am, †8:25 am, ‡2:35 pm, †4:15 pm, †10:40 am, ‡11:35 pm.

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(Eastern Standard Time.)

From Pittsburgh to—	Leave.
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Connellsville, Uniont'n & Cumberl'd.*	6:30 am
Mt. Pleas., Morgant'n & Fairmont..*	6:30 am
Wash. (Pa.) and Wheeling Accom....*	7:05 am
Wash., Baltimore and New York......*	8:00 am
Connellsville, Uniontown & Fairmont.†	8:00 am
Connellsville and Mt. Pleasant.......†	8:00 am
Connellsville Accommodation........†	8:30 am
Columbus, Cincinnati and St. Louis..*	8:40 am
Connellsville, Uniont'n & Morgant'n.†	12:10 pm
Connellsville and Mt. Pleasant.......†	12:10 pm
Cumberland, Wash. and Baltimore....*	1:20 pm
Washington (Pa.) and Wheeling......*	1:05 pm
Chicago & Cleveland......................*	3:30 pm
Connellsville Accommodation.........†	4:00 pm
Washington (Pa.) and Wheeling......*	4:00 pm
Morgant'n, Clarksburg and Weston...†	5:00 pm
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Chicago ....*	7:35 pm
Columbus, Cincinnati and St. Louis..*	8:00 pm
Wash. (Pa.) Wheeling and Newark..*	8:30 pm
Wash., Baltimore and Philadelphia...*	9:45 pm

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Main Line Express, daily..........	8:00 a.m.
Harrisburg Mail, daily..........	12:45 p.m.
Harrisburg Express, daily..........	4:40 p.m.
Philadelphia Express, daily..........	4:50 p.m.
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Eastern Express, daily..........	7:10 p.m.
Fast Line, daily..........	9:00 p.m.
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In effect November 25, 1901.

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Youngst'n & Cleve. Mail..	* 8:25 am	* 9:00 am
Buffalo and Erie Express..	* 8:25 am	† 9:45 pm
L. Chautauqua Fast Line..	†12:50 pm	* 6:30 pm
Buffalo and Erie Express..	† 2:20 pm	†11:15 am
Cleveland and Chicago Ex..	* 2:30 pm	* 1:00 pm
Chicago & Cleve. "Flyer"..	‡ 6:00 pm	* 6:20 pm
Buffalo and Cleveland Ex..	*10:30 pm	* 6:05 am
Cleve. and Young'n Accom..	† 5:35 am	* 5:10 pm
Beaver Falls Accom'dation..	† 6:30 am	† 5:25 am
Beaver Falls Accom'dation..	† 9:30 am	† 6:40 am
Beaver Falls Accom'dation..	†12:10 pm	†12:30 pm
Beaver Falls Accom'dation..	† 3:20 pm	† 4:15 pm
New Castle Express........	† 4:20 pm	† 7:32 am
Beaver Valley Express.....	† 5:20 pm	† 9:30 am
Fayette City & †N. Haven..	† 6:50 am	* 8:15 am
McKeesp't & Fayette City..	†11:30 am	†12:35 pm
Fayette City & †N. Haven..	† 3:30 pm	* 4:50 pm
Fayette City Express......	* 5:20 pm	† 7:35 am

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Schedule Effective Nov. 17, 1901.

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For Chicago, *3:30, *7:55 p. m.

For Cleveland, *6:25 a. m., *3:30 p. m.; Akron, Youngstown, New Castle, Ellwood City, *6:25 a. m., *3:30, *7:55 p. m. Leave P. & W. Station, Allegheny, Eastern time, for Youngstown, Painesville, Kane, †8:00 a. m. Clarion, Foxburg, †8:00 a. m., †3:20 p. m. New Castle, *8:00 a. m., †3:20, ‡5:20 p. m.; Ellwood City, *8:00 a. m., †1:15, †3:20, *5:30 p. m.; Butler, †7:20, *8:00, †10:45 a. m., †1:15, †3:20, *5:30, †6:15 p. m.; Erie, Meadville, †8:00 a. m., †1:15 p. m.; Mercer, Greenville, †8:00 a. m., †1:15, †3:20 p. m.

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(No. 259.)

AN ORDINANCE—Widening Homer (formerly Humboldt) street, Seventh ward, from a point one hundred eighty-eight and eighty-three hundredths (188.83) feet northwardly from Filbert street to a 33-foot road, of a width of fifty (50) feet according to accompanying plan, and as herein described.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the select and common councils of the city of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That Homer (formerly Humboldt) street, Seventh ward, from a point one hundred and eighty-eight and eighty-three hundredths (188.83) feet northwardly from Filbert street to a 33-foot road, be and the same is hereby widened of a width of fifty (50) feet, according to accompanying plan. The center line thereof being described as follows: Beginning at a point one hundred eighty-eight and eighty-three hundredths (188.83) feet northwardly from the northerly line of Filbert street, on a line twenty-five (25) feet westward of and parallel with the easterly line of Homer (formerly Humboldt) street, as laid out in plan of Gen. William Robinson, Jr., thence north 50 deg. 34 min. west, four hundred ninety-nine and ninety-four hundredths (499.94) feet to a point; thence by a curve to the right, with a radius of two hundred fifty (250) feet, one hundred sixty and sixty-three hundredths (160.63) feet to a point; thence north 11 deg. 46 min. west, three hundred fifty-five (355) feet, more or less, to a point; thence by a curve to the left, with a radius of one hundred and eighty (180) feet, eighty-four and eighty-six hundredths (84.86) feet to a point; thence north 38 deg. 46 min. west two hundred five and five-tenths (205.5) feet to a point; thence by a curve to the right, with a radius of twenty-five (25) feet, thirty-one and forty-three hundredths (31.43) feet to a point; thence north 33 deg. 14 min. east, ninety (90) feet, more or less, to a 33-foot road.

The damages caused thereby and the damages caused by the grade thereof and the benefits to pay the same be assessed and collected in accordance with the acts of assembly in such cases made and provided.

Sec. 2. That so much of any ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into a law in councils this 19th day of December, A. D. 1901.

GEORGE W. SNAMAN,
President Pro Tem. of Select Council.
LAFAYETTE WILLS, City Clerk.
JOHN M. GOEHRING,
President of Common Council.
Attest:
ROBERT DILWORTH, City Clerk.
City Recorder's office, City of Allegheny, December 23d, A. D. 1901. The above ordinance examined and approved.
JOHN R. MURPHY, City Recorder.
1223l

(No. 262.)

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing and ordering the construction of a lateral sewer on Clayton avenue, Second ward, from present sewer northward to McGrew's north line, and providing for assessment and collection of the cost and expense thereof.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the select and common councils of the city of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the construction of a lateral sewer on Clayton avenue, Second ward, from present sewer northward to McGrew's north line, is hereby authorized and ordered, and the director of the department of public works is hereby instructed to prepare specifications therefor, and the city recorder and the said director are authorized to advertise for proposals for doing said work in accordance with such specifications, and award the contract therefor, according to the provisions of the acts of assembly in such cases made and provided.

The cost and expense of said improvement to be assessed and collected in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania pertaining thereto and regulating the same.

Sec. 2. That so much of any ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into a law in councils this 19th day of December, A. D. 1901.

GEO. W. SNAMAN,
President Pro Tem. of Select Council.
Attest:
LAFAYETTE WILLS, City Clerk.
JOHN M. GOEHRING,
President of Common Council.
ROBERT DILWORTH, City Clerk.
City Recorder's office, Allegheny, Pa., December 23, A. D. 1901. The above ordinance examined and approved.
J. R. MURPHY, City Recorder.
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(No. 260.)

AN ORDINANCE—Fixing the salary of the additional clerk in the city comptroller's office, heretofore provided for by an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to carry into effect in the city of Allegheny, an act of assembly entitled, 'An act for the government of cities of the second class,' approved March 7, 1901, and the supplements thereto, and fixing salaries," approved October 31, 1901.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the select and common councils of the city of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the salary of the additional clerk in the office of the city comptroller provided for by an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to carry into effect in the city of Allegheny, an act of assembly, entitled, 'An act for the government of cities of the second class,' approved March 7, 1901, and the supplements thereto, and fixing salaries," approved October 31, 1901, be and the same is hereby fixed at one thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly, out of appropriation No. 1, salaries.

Ordained and enacted into a law in councils this 19th day of December, A. D. 1901.

GEO. W. SNAMAN,
President Pro Tem. of Select Council.
Attest:
LAFAYETTE WILLS, City Clerk.
JOHN M. GOEHRING,
President of Common Council.
ROBERT DILWORTH, City Clerk.
City Recorder's Office, Allegheny, Pa., December 23, A. D. 1901. The above ordinance examined and approved.
JOHN R. MURPHY, City Recorder.
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(No. 261.)

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing and ordering the construction of a lateral sewer on Mint alley, Cato street, and through private property, Twelfth ward, from Sandusky street to Hecla street, and providing for assessment and collection of the cost and expense thereof.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common councils of the City of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the construction of a lateral sewer on Mint alley, Cato street, and through private property, Twelfth ward, from Sandusky street to Hecla street, is hereby authorized and ordered and the director of the department of public works is hereby instructed to prepare specifications therefor, and the city recorder and the said director are authorized to advertise for proposals for doing said work in accordance with such specifications, and award the contract therefor according to the provisions of the acts of assembly in such cases made and provided.

The cost and expense of said improvement to be assessed and collected in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania pertaining thereto and regulating the same.

Sec. 2. That so much of any ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into a law in councils this 19th day of December, A. D. 1901.

GEO. W. SNAMAN,
President Pro Tem. of Select Council.
Attest:
LAFAYETTE WILLS, City Clerk.
JOHN M. GOEHRING,
President of Common Council.
ROBERT DILWORTH, City Clerk.
City Recorder's office, Allegheny, Pa., December 23, A. D. 1901. The above ordinance examined and approved.
J. R. MURPHY, City Recorder.
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(No. 263.)

AN ORDINANCE—Granting additional rights to the Federal Street & Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway Company; giving it the right to connect its tracks on certain streets with the tracks of other railway companies, and prescribing the conditions upon which said rights are granted.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the select and common councils of the city of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That in addition to the rights and privileges heretofore granted to the Federal Street & Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway Company, by various ordinances heretofore enacted and approved, the Federal Street & Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway Company shall have and is hereby granted the consent of the city of Allegheny, to enter upon, use and occupy for the purpose of its railway the streets, avenues and highways of the city of Allegheny herein mentioned; and the said company is hereby authorized to enter upon and lay down a single or double track railway with the necessary turn-outs and switches along and over the following route: To connect the tracks of the Pittsburgh, Allegheny & Manchester Passenger Railway Company at Federal and Ohio streets with the tracks of the Federal Street & Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway Company at Federal and Ohio streets.

Sec. 2. In granting these additional rights to the Federal Street & Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway Company it is understood the cars will be operated by means of an overhead electric system, and to this end the said company, its successors, lessees and assigns is hereby granted the right and privilege to erect and maintain such posts, poles, wires and electrical appliances over and along the streets herein mentioned as may be necessary to operate the cars of said company over said route or any of them by means of an overhead electric system.

Sec. 3. The rights granted by this ordinance to the Federal Street & Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway Company are granted subject to all the terms and conditions of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance granting to the North Side Traction Company, its lessees, successors and assigns, the right to enter upon, use and occupy certain streets, lanes, alleys and highways, and to lease its property and franchises or either," approved March 17, 1897.

Sec. 4. That the said Federal Street & Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway Company will, within 30 days after the passage or approval of this ordinance, file with the said controller a writing, under the corporate seal of said company, accepting the provisions and requirements of this ordinance; otherwise this ordinance to be null and of no effect.

Sec. 5. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed, so far as the same affects this ordinance.

Ordained and enacted into a law in councils this 19th day of December, A. D. 1901.

GEORGE W. SNAMAN,
President Pro Tem. of Select Council.
Attest:
LAFAYETTE WILLS, City Clerk.
JOHN M. GOEHRING,
President of Common Council.
ROBERT DILWORTH, City Clerk.
City Recorder's Office, Allegheny, Pa., December 23, A. D. 1901. The above ordinance examined and approved.
J. R. MURPHY, City Recorder.
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OFFICE OF CITY CLERKS,
City of Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 19, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was presented at a meeting of Select Council of the City of Allegheny on the 18th day of December, 1901, and was referred to Committee on Public Works.

LAFAYETTE WILLS,
City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing and ordering the grading of Howard street extention, Tenth ward, from Elm street to Evans alley, and providing for assessment and collection of the cost and expense thereof.

Section 1—Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, that the grading of Howard street extension, Tenth ward, from Elm street to Evans alley, is hereby authorized and ordered, and the Director of the Department of Public Works is hereby instructed to prepare specifications therefor, and the City Recorder and the said Director are authorized to advertise for proposals for doing said work in accordance with such specifications, and award the contract therefor according to the provisions of the acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided.

The cost and expense of said improvement to be assessed and collected in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pertaining thereto and regulating the same.

Sec. 2.—That so much of any ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed.
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